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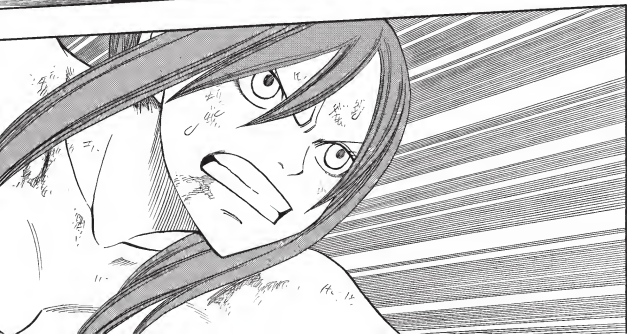
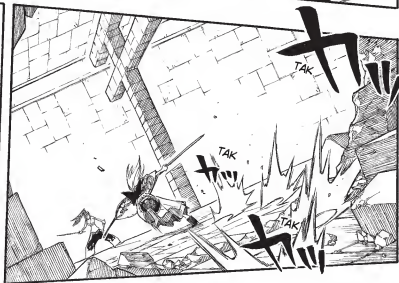


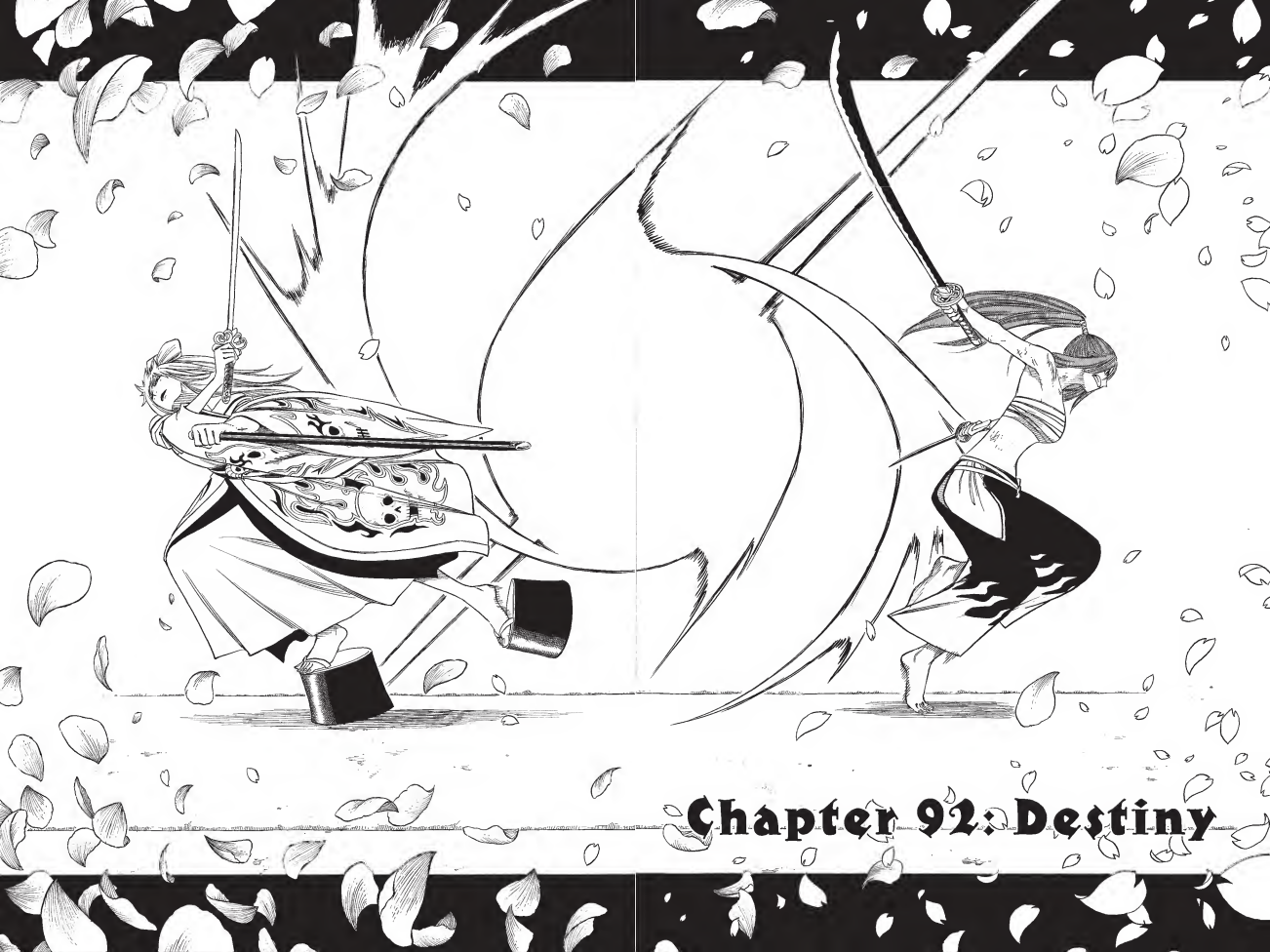
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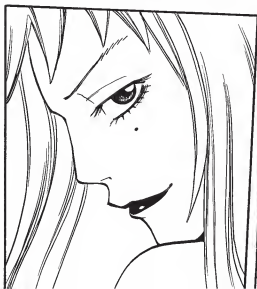
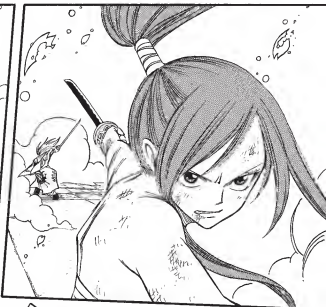
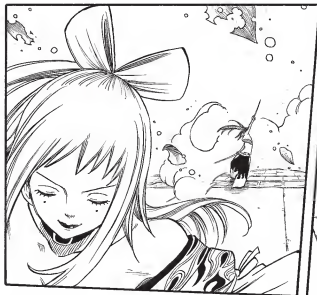
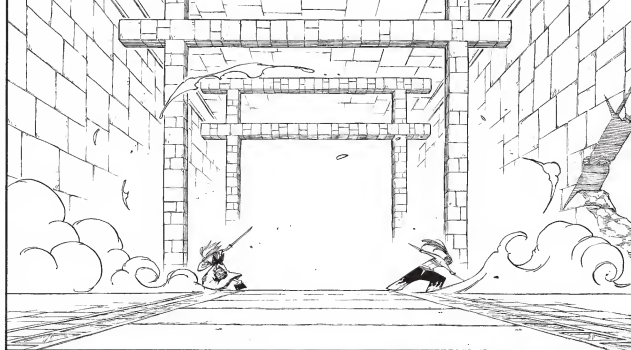


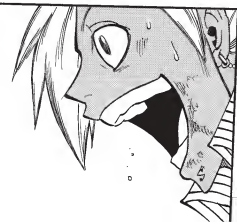
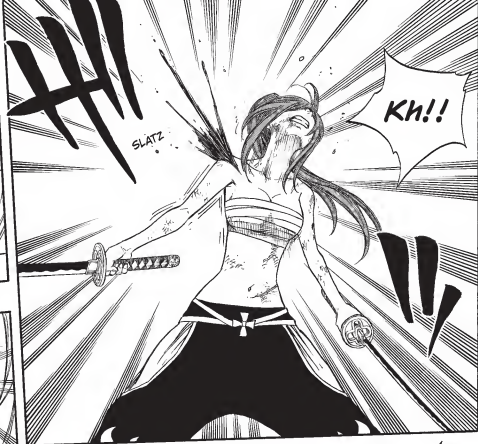
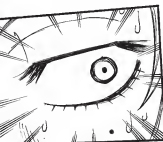
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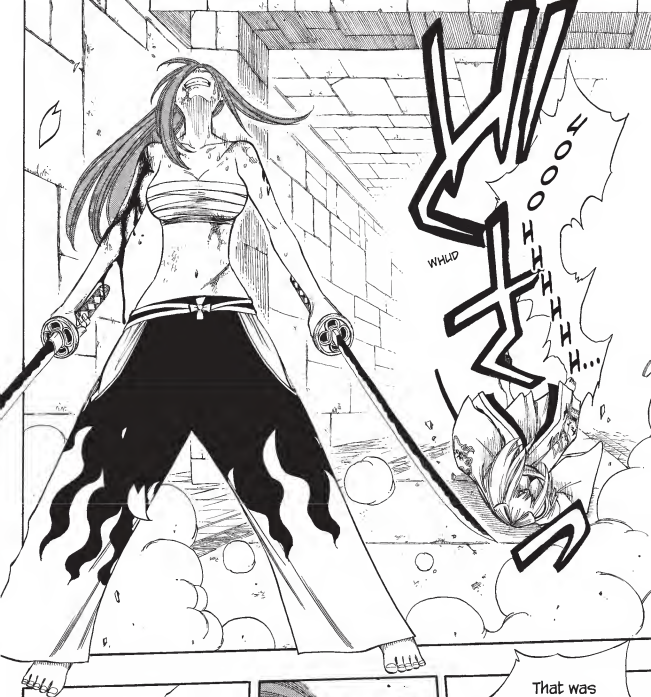




Chapter 92: Destiny







V-Very...
impressive...

HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

That was
amazing!!!
Sis, you're
incredible!!!





In fifteen minutes...



L-Lost. That is...the first time...that has happened... since I entered the guild...

However, you will lose too... to Jellal...

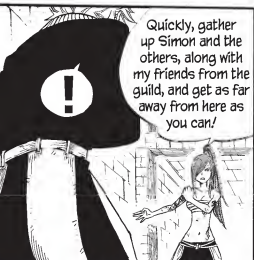


Ah...

That poem was terrible...



Fall down upon us;
O light of divine justice;
Bring death to us all!



Quickly, gather up Simon and the others, along with my friends from the guild, and get as far away from here as you can!



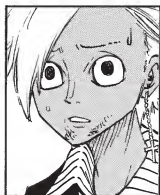
Shô, you're wounded. Can you walk?

Y-Yeah... I think so...



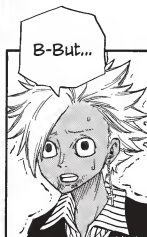
Fifteen minutes?

Is she talking about Etherion?

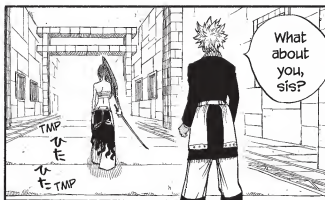


... Shô?

You will
do as
I ask,
won't
you...



B-But...



What
about
you,
sis?

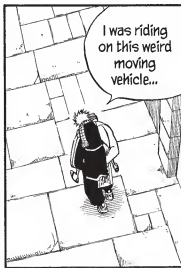
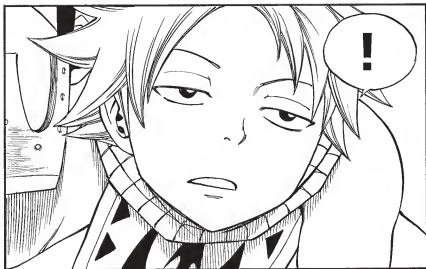


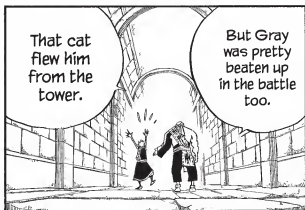
Yeah.



...I'm
going
to end
this!

I'll
meet
you, but
first...





That cat
flew him
from the
tower.

But Gray
was pretty
beaten up
in the battle
too.



After that,
you were
eaten by
Fukuro and
saved by
Gray.

**By
Gray?
!!**



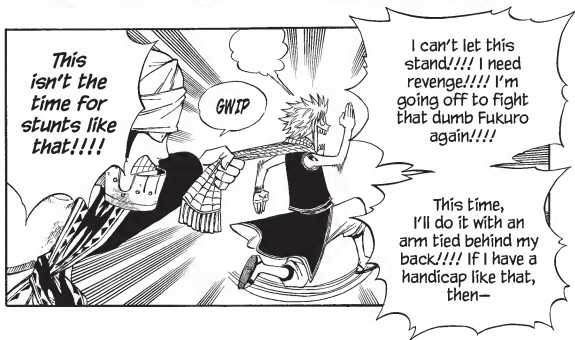
**Hey!
Focus!**

I just know he's going
to use this against me
for a whole month!!!
He's the kind of guy
who never knows when
a joke gets old!
DAMMIT!



I don't know
if I'd call it
"losing."
You were
eaten.

**Arrrrg!!!
It isn't
possible!!!
How can I lose
and Gray
win?!!!**

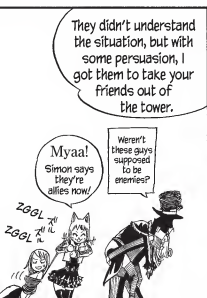
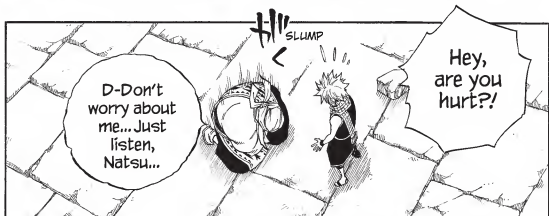


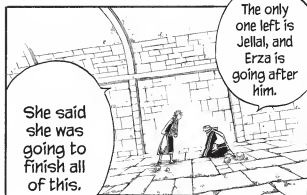
**This
isn't the
time for
stunts like
that!!!!**

GWIP

I can't let this
stand!!!! I need
revenge!!!! I'm
going off to fight
that dumb Fukuro
again!!!!

This time,
I'll do it with an
arm tied behind my
back!!!! If I have a
handicap like that,
then—





She said she was going to finish all of this.

The only one left is Jellal, and Erza is going after him.

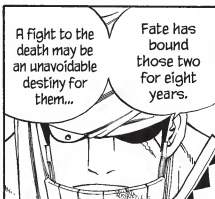


But I didn't beat any of them!!!

Soon after, I got a message from Shô saying that all three of the Trinity Raven have been defeated.

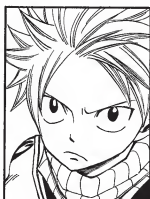


...but Jellal is much too powerful...

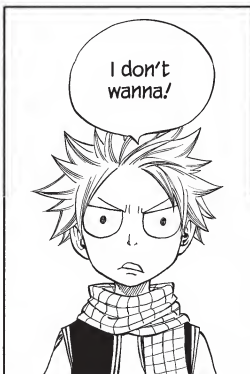


A fight to the death may be an unavoidable destiny for them...

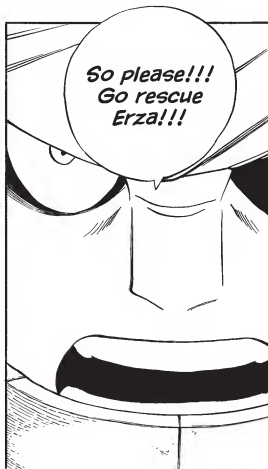
Fate has bound those two for eight years.



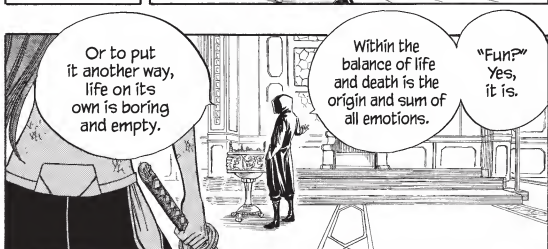
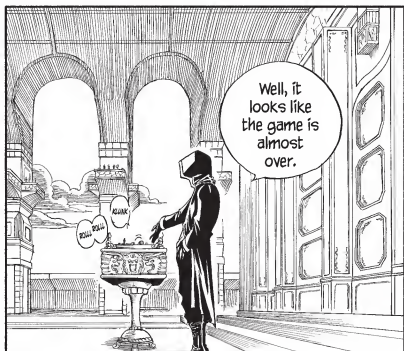
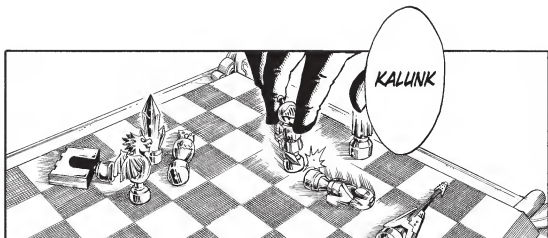
!!?

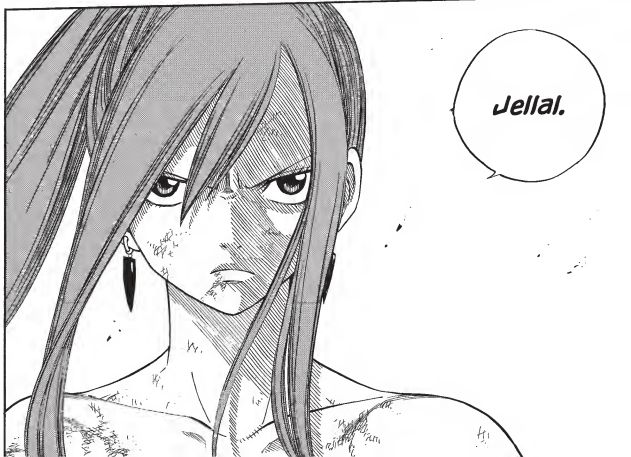


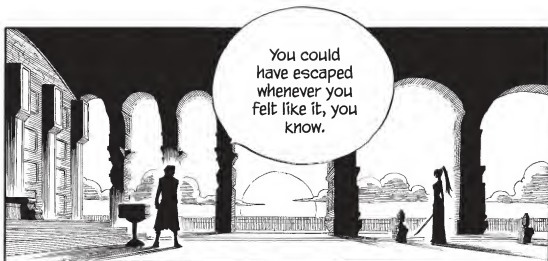
I don't wanna!



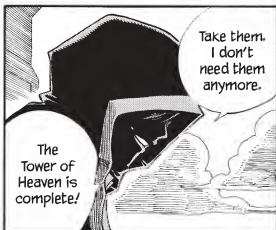
**So please!!!
Go rescue Erza!!!**







You could
have escaped
whenever you
felt like it, you
know.



Take them.
I don't
need them
anymore.

The
Tower of
Heaven is
complete!



I'm here
to free my
former
friends.



FSSH

No...
Etherion
will fall.



You're too
relaxed. It was
a trick after
all, wasn't it?

GRIMP



You
mean
Etherion?

HEH HEH...

Even if
it will be
destroyed
in ten
minutes?



No! You
will die as
a sacrifice
to Zeref!!

It's
already
been
decided!!!

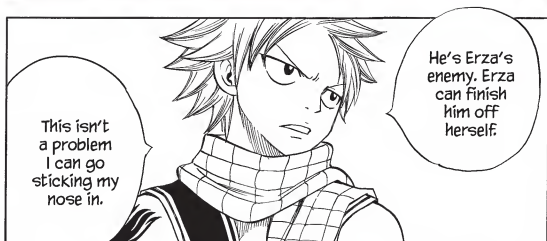
It is
your
destiny!!!!



I'm glad
to hear
it!!!!

Then I will
have my
chance to
stop you here
in those ten
minutes...

... and
finish
this once
and for
all!!!!





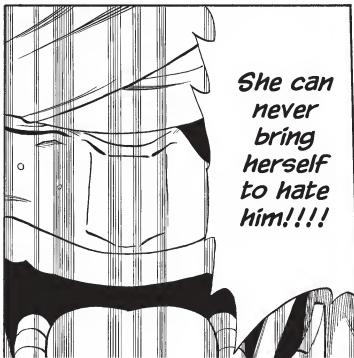
Erza
is...



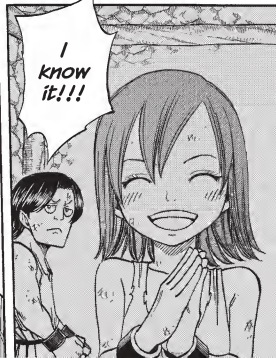
**No!!! I'm
not talking
about
magic
powers!!!!**



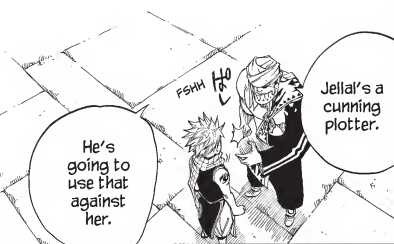
**...Erza
is trying
to save
Jellal from
himself,
even
now!!!!**



**She can
never
bring
herself
to hate
him!!!!**

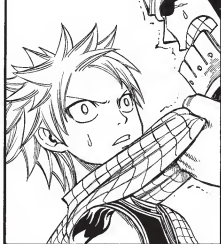


**I
know
it!!!**



He's going to use that against her.

Jellal's a cunning plotter.

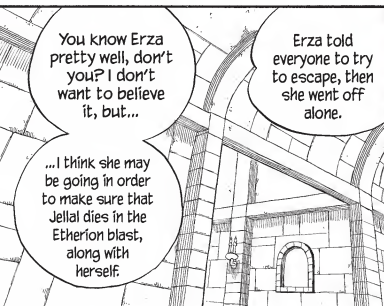


Of course if that comes down, nothing will be left of this tower and everyone in it!



And the situation is even worse than that.

Did you know that the Magic Council is about to bring Etherion down on our heads?



You know Erza pretty well, don't you? I don't want to believe it, but...

Erza told everyone to try to escape, then she went off alone.

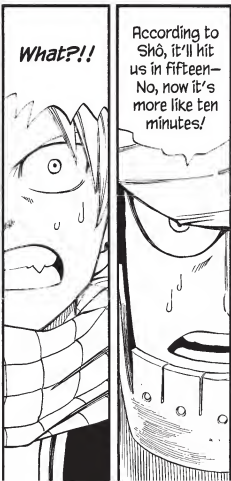
...I think she may be going in order to make sure that Jellal dies in the Etherion blast, along with herself.



Why didn't you say that first?!!

GRND
GRND

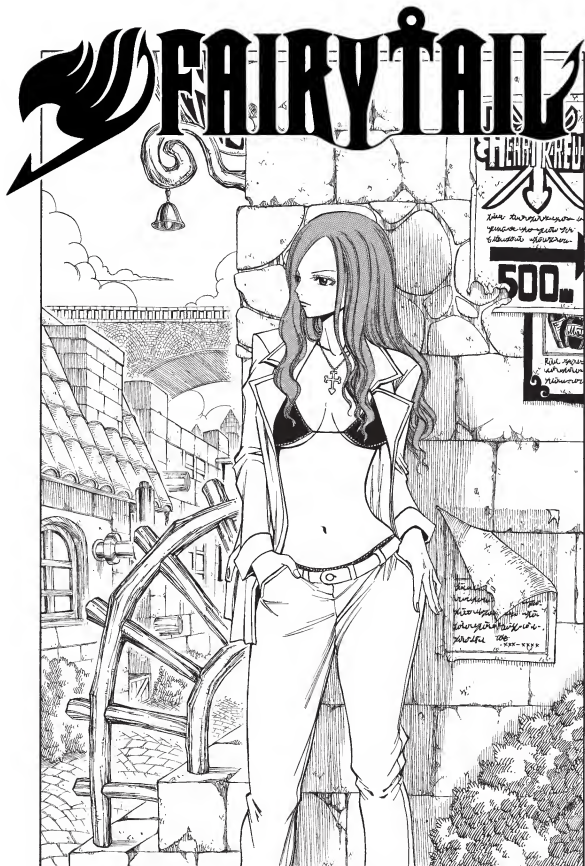
What?!!



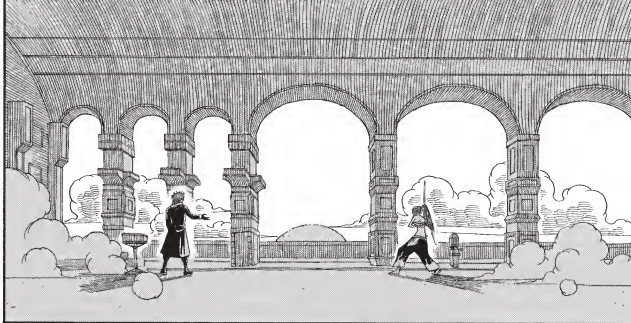
According to Shô, it'll hit us in fifteen—
No, now it's more like ten minutes!



*Where
is
Erza
now?
!!!!*



Chapter 93: Pray to the Sacred Light



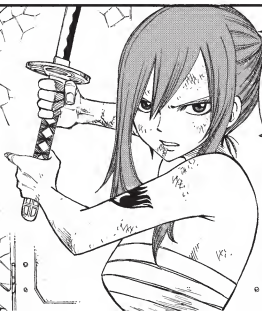
So let's
enjoy these
seven
minutes to
the fullest,
Erza!



Only
seven
minutes
left.

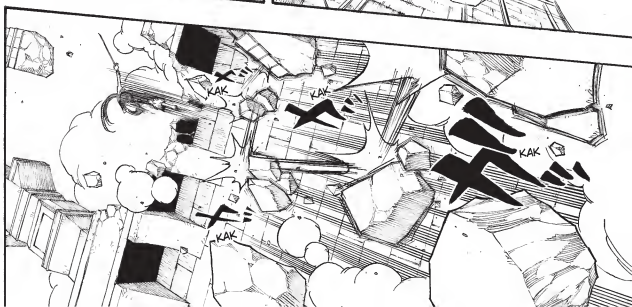
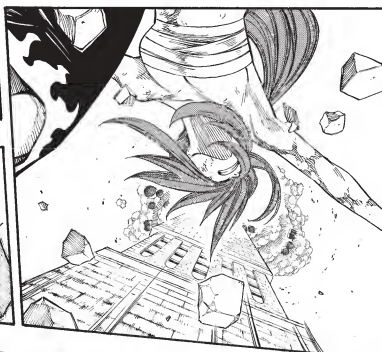
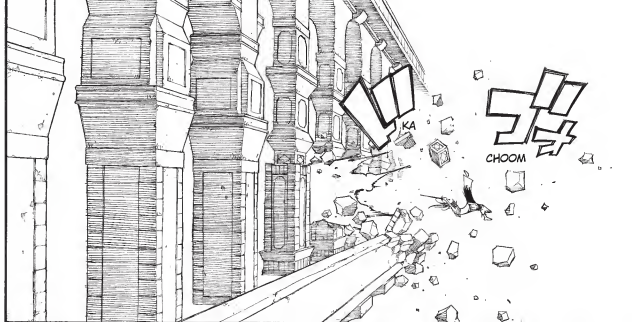
In seven
minutes,
Etherion
will fall.

Even if
Etherion falls,
my only desire
is to guide
you to the
afterlife!



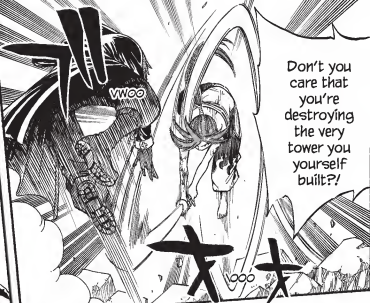
There is
no fear
left in me
right now.



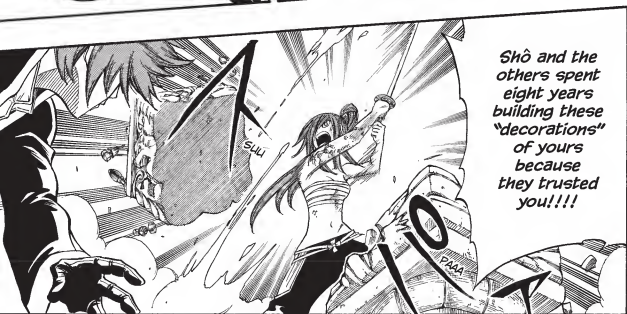




A pillar or two comes out to nothing more than decoration!



Don't you care that you're destroying the very tower you yourself built?!



Shô and the others spent eight years building these "decorations" of yours because they trusted you!!!!

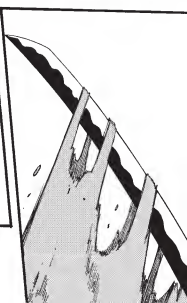
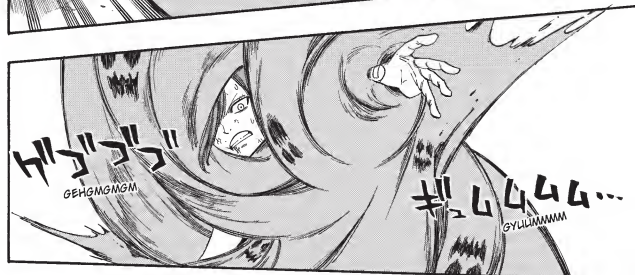
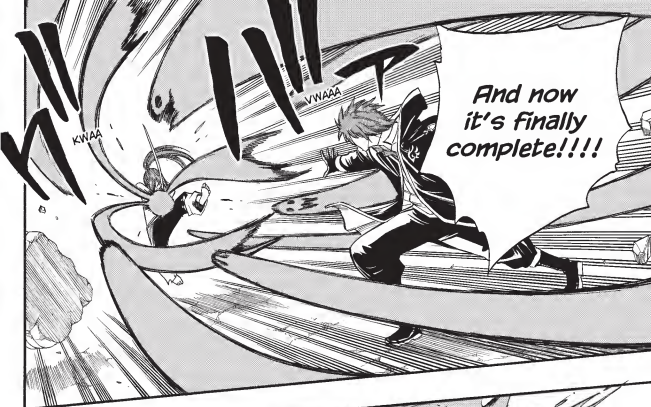


That's what we spent eight years building!!

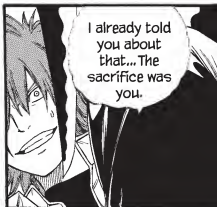
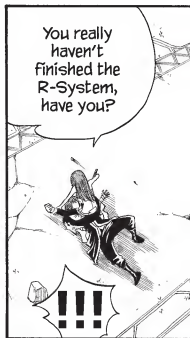
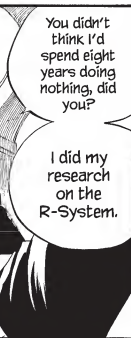
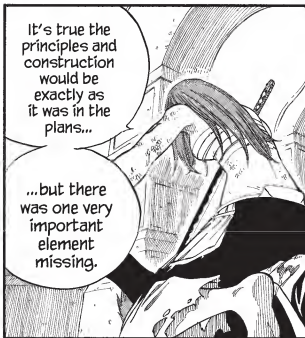
What's important here is the R-System!!

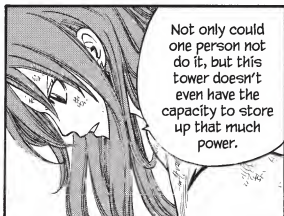
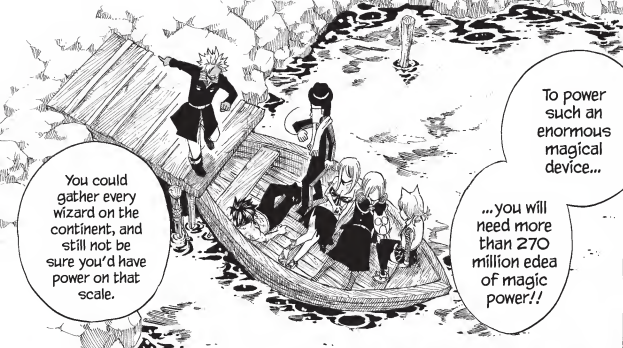


Quit taking everything I say as your opportunity to lecture me!!











So is
it your
desire
to die
here
and
now?!!!

Jellal!!!
Your
dream
ended
a long
time
ago!!!!



Three
minutes until
Etherion...



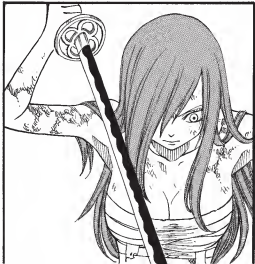
I'm going
to hold you
down here
with my own
hands until
the final
moment!!!!

If that's
it, then
we're
both
going
together
!!!!



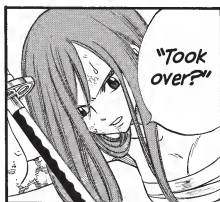
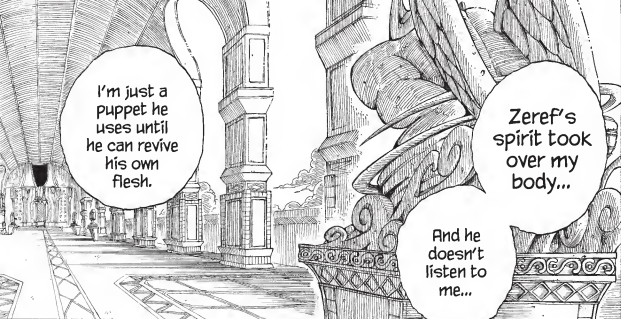
Urm...
Kh...

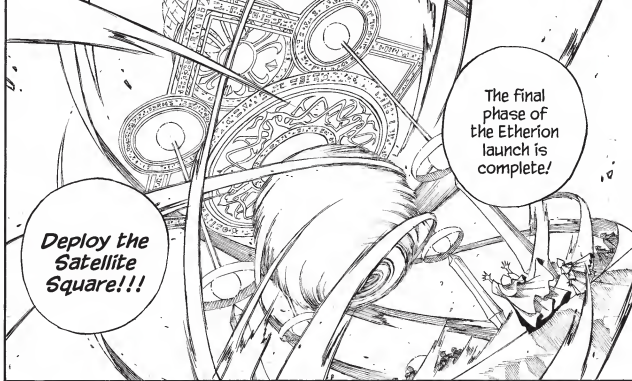
GSSH



That
isn't such
a bad
idea...

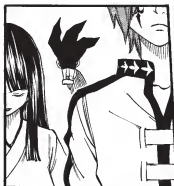
A-
All
right...





**Deploy the
Satellite
Square!!!**

The final
phase of
the Etherion
launch is
complete!



Our
prayers
go with
it.



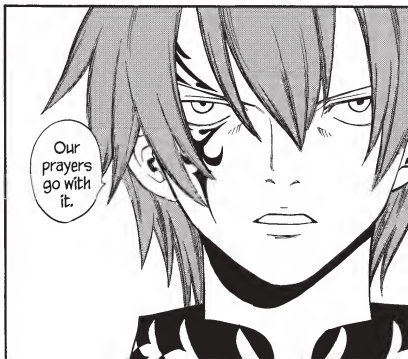
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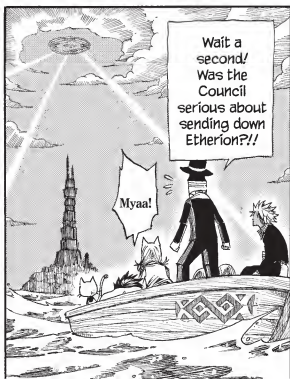
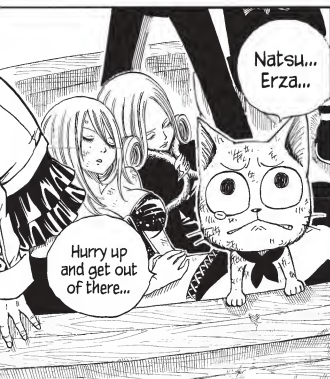
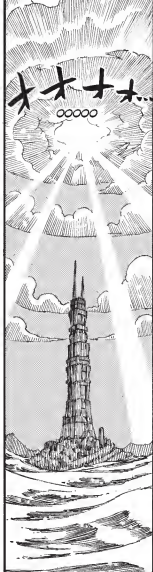
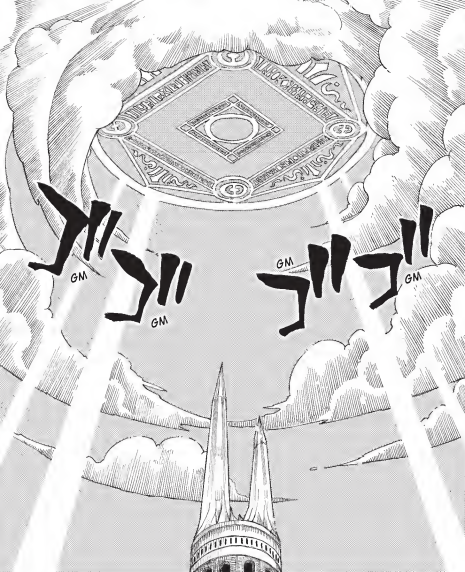


Our
prayers
go with
it.



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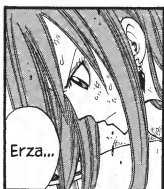




...but
Zeref's
spirit
wouldn't
allow me
to let
up.



There's no
way I could
have been able
to finish the
R-System...



Erza...



I'm just
a broken
engine
that he's
driving.

No
one...is
able to
stop him
now.

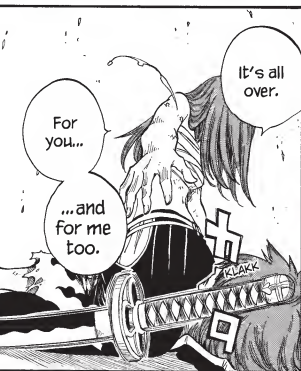
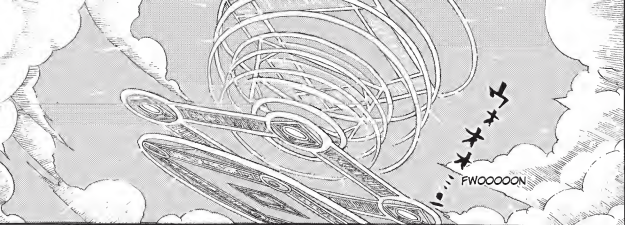


That's
why you
came
here,
isn't it?



**You
win.**

**Kill
me.**



For you...

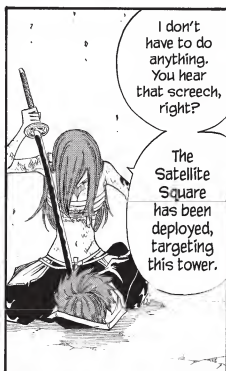
...and for me too.

It's all over.

KLAKK

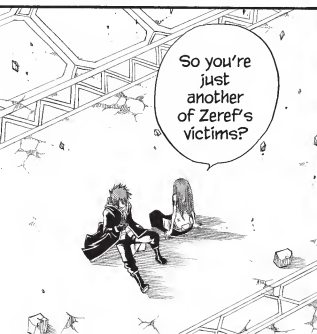


SSST



I don't have to do anything. You hear that screech, right?

The Satellite Square has been deployed, targeting this tower.



So you're just another of Zeref's victims?



You always were a clumsy person, huh?

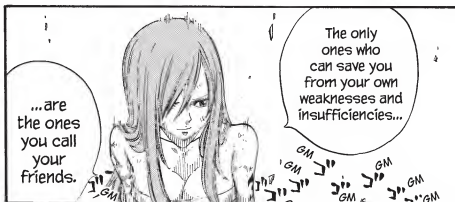


There was
such a huge
divide between
my dream and
reality, my
heart couldn't
face it.

It's my
own fault.
I was
defeated
by my
weakness.



Erza...



...are
the ones
you call
your
friends.

The only
ones who
can save you
from your own
weaknesses and
insufficiencies...

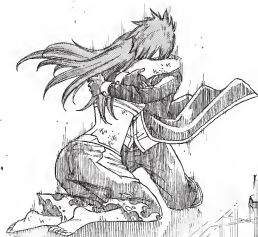


I have...

...been
saved.



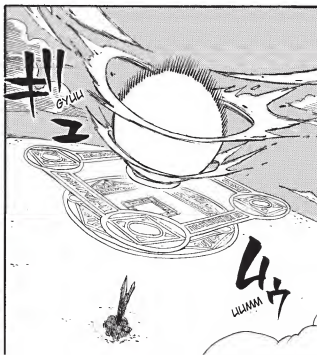
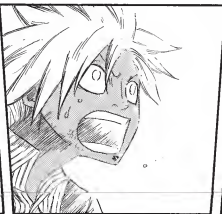
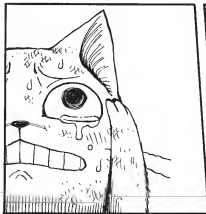
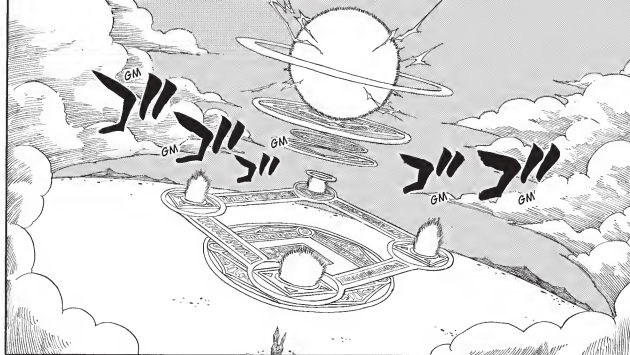
Now, I'll
pay for the
crime of not
being able to
save you.



*We
pray
to the
sacred
light!!!!*

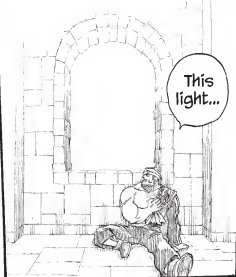
*Release
Etherion
!!!!*



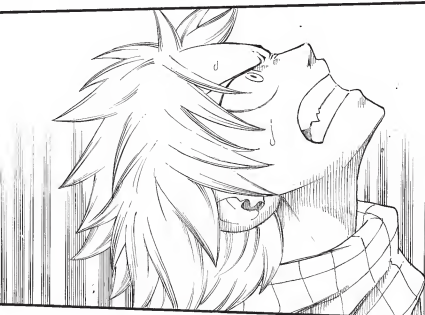




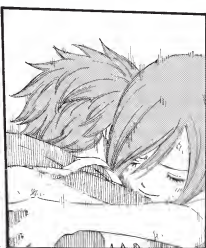
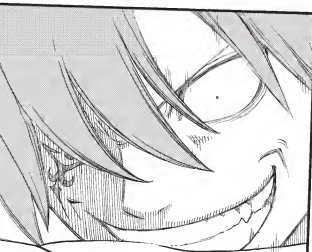
We
weren't
in
time...



This
light...



**Erza
!!!**

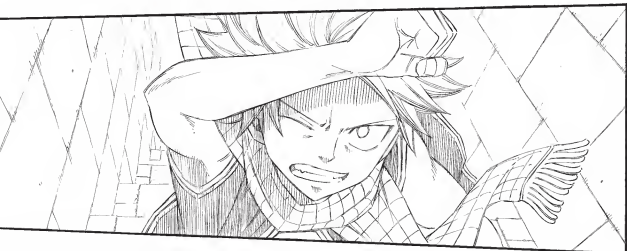




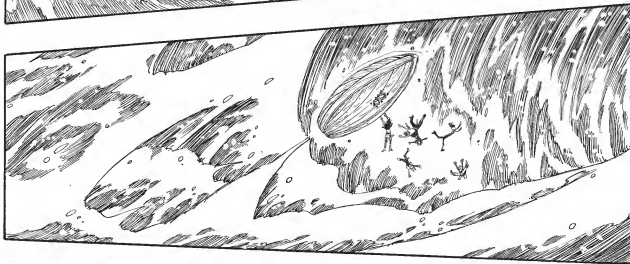
FOO

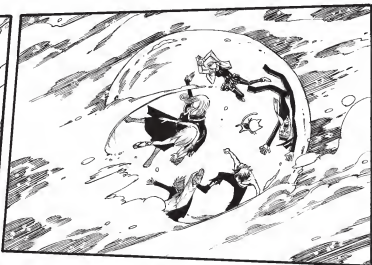
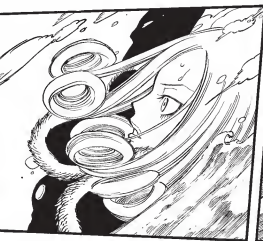
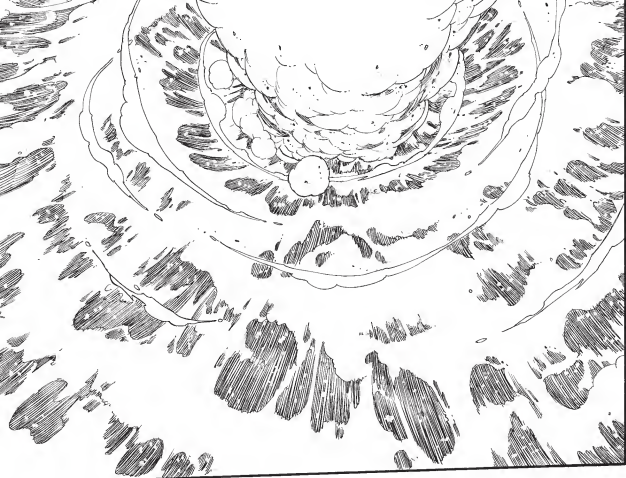
OOM

FAIRY TAIL





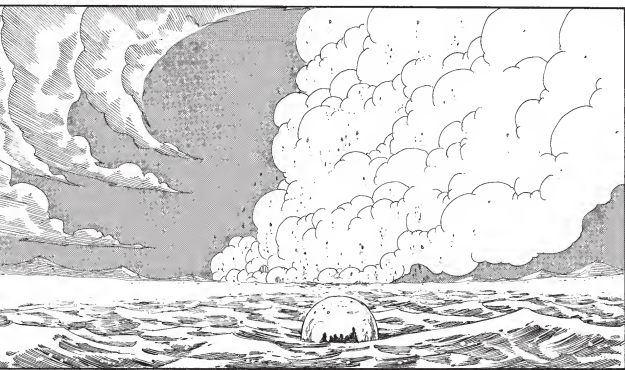




Etherion...

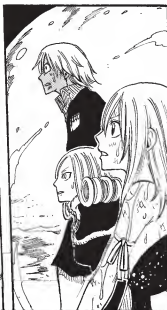
...that
won't
alleviate
the loss of
the families
of those
sacrificed.

What-
ever our
justifi-
cations...



Natsu...

Erza...



We're
alive...?

Huh
...?



Heh
heh...

Jellal?

I'm
switching
to
visual!!!

What
is
this?!!

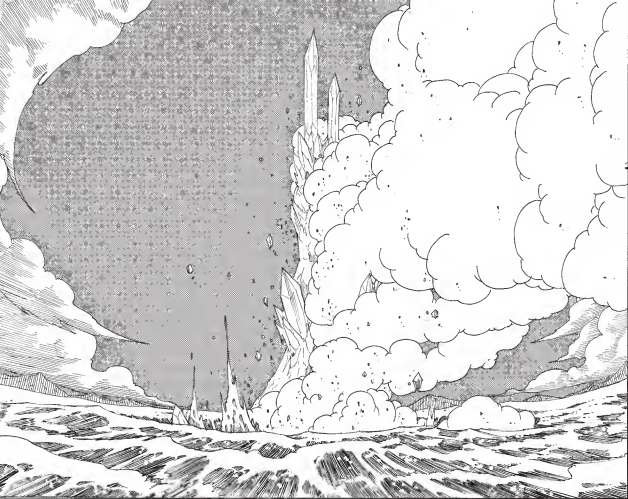
The
counter
can't keep
up with
it!!!

Some
high-level
magic has
began to
deploy!!!

The fusion
density
is taking
a sudden
down-
turn!!!

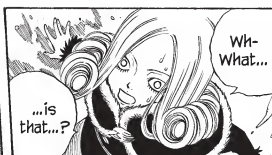
N-No...
Wait a
min-
ute...!!!

There was
something
neutralizing
the Ether-
nario fusion
at the
center of
the target
area...



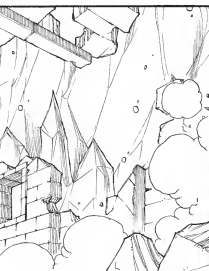
...and
the
interior
was...
crystal?

The
outer walls
have all
crumbled
away...



Wh-
What...

...is
that...?

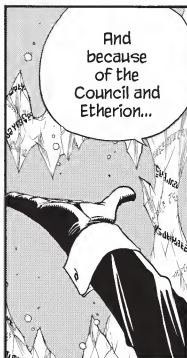
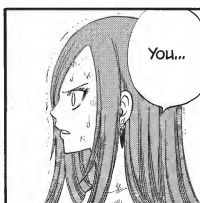


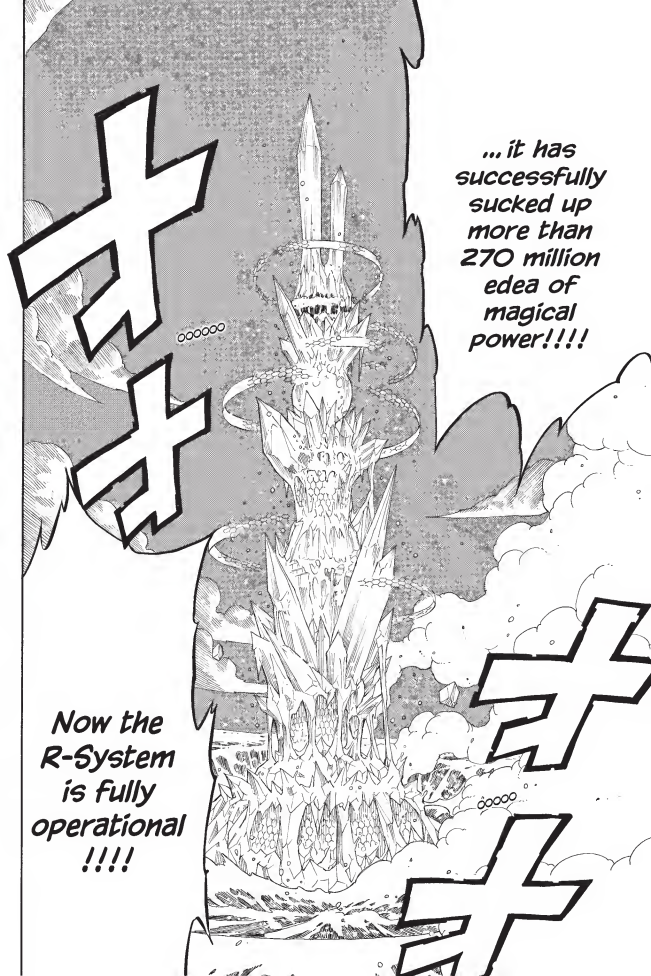
Natsu and
Erza...and
that guy
Simon...?



Say...
They're
okay,
right?

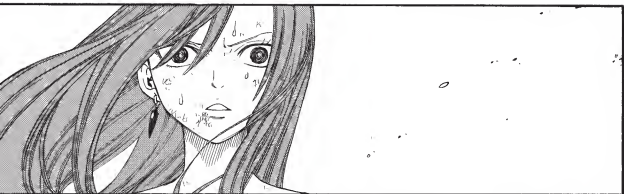






*... it has
successfully
sucked up
more than
270 million
edea of
magical
power!!!!*

*Now the
R-System
is fully
operational
!!!!*



*What
did
you
say?
!!*

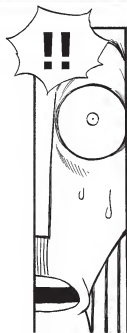


*It's an
enormous
lacrima
!!!*

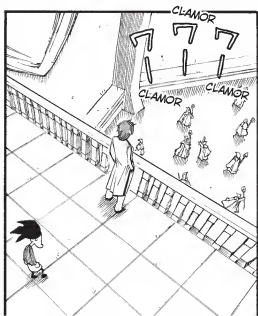
*...O-or
is it?
What
is that
thing?!!*

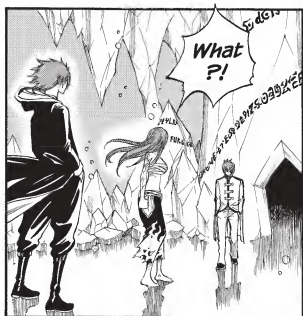
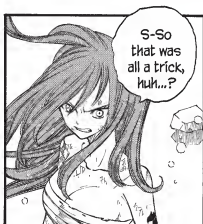
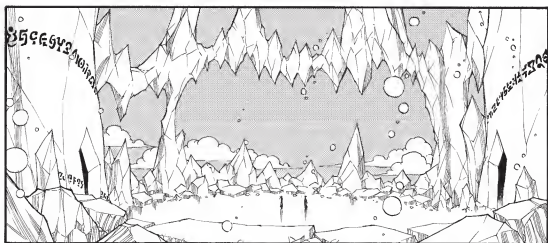
*It's
the
target
tower...*

*That
lacrima
just
sucked up
Etherion's
power?!!*



*Sieg!!!
What
is the
meaning
of this?!!*

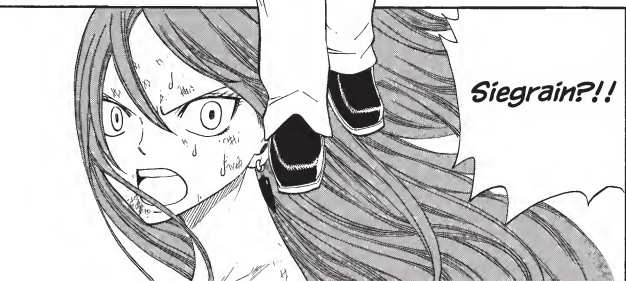






Jellal
couldn't
put forth
his true
strength.

He was
actually in
danger, so
the only thing
he could do
was trick
you.



Siegrain?!!

At the time I should have said something that would have convinced you that I was going to find Jellal and kill him.

Ah, yes. That was a mistake of mine.

ごめんなさい
ごめんなさい

Even worse... you were spying on me for him!!!

What did you expect?!! You spent all your time covering up what Jellal was doing rather than stopping him as a brother should!!!

So you two...were in collusion all along, huh?

There's nothing more painful than those excuses made up on the spot, is there?

But my biggest mistake was to encounter you at all, right after becoming a member of the Council.

"Collusion"? That isn't quite the right word.

He vanished...

Sieg... just disappeared!



vw0000 oon

The two
of us
were one
person...

VZZZ

VZZZ

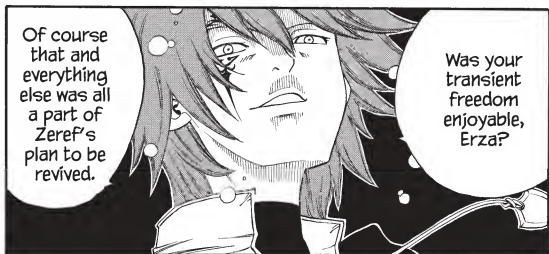
...right
from
the very
start.

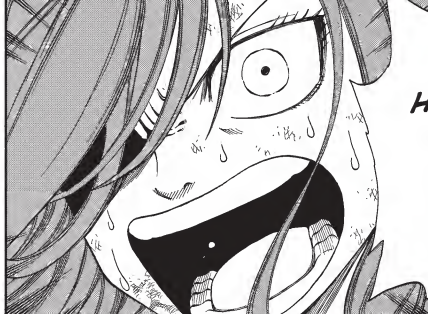
VZZZZ

Y-You
can't...

That's
impos-
sible...







*How much
of your
life has
been a
lie?!!!!*

Heh
heh...

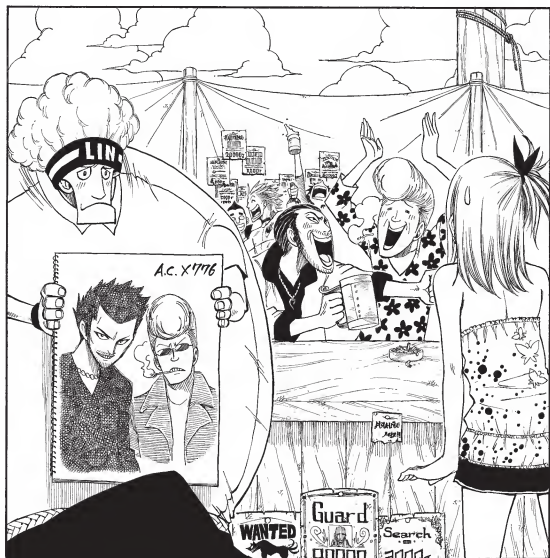


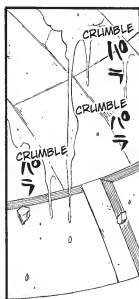
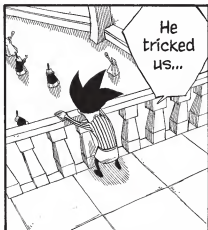
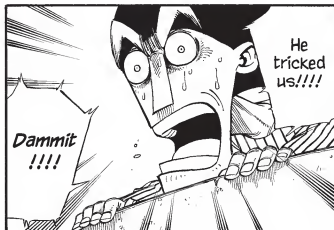
My
magic
power is
back within
me!!!

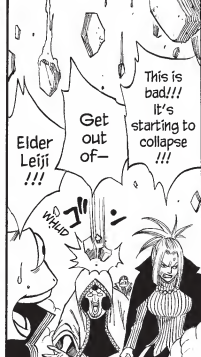
My
power...

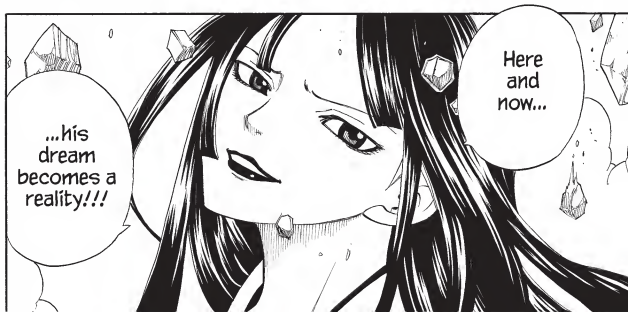
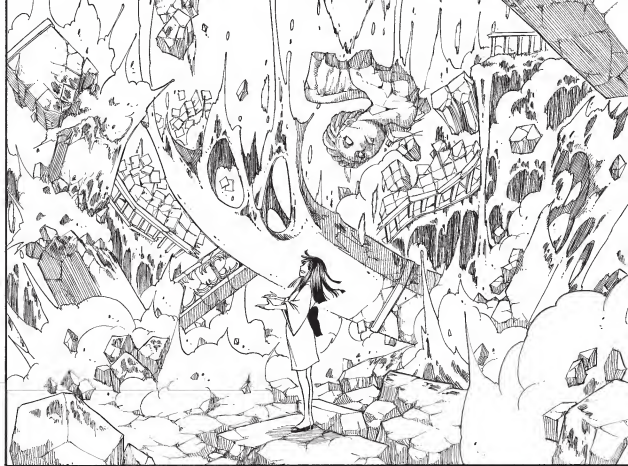
FAIRY TAIL

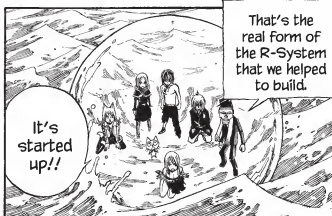
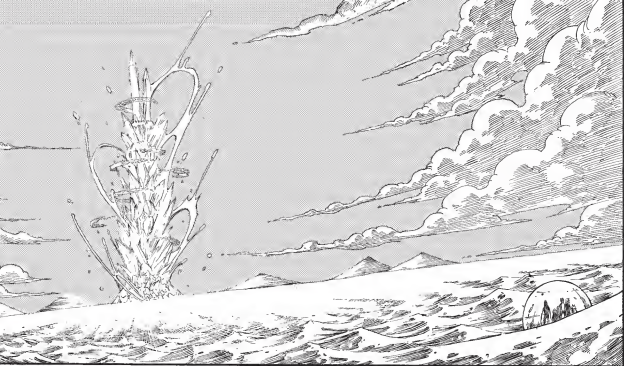
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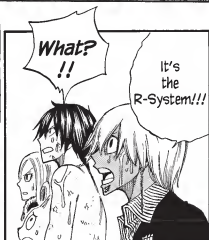






That's the
real form of
the R-System
that we helped
to build.

It's
started
up!!

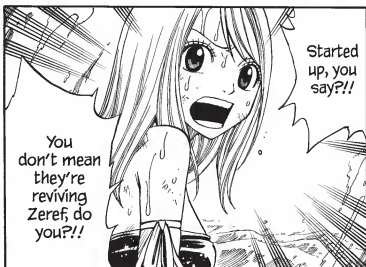


It's
the
R-System!!!

What?
!!

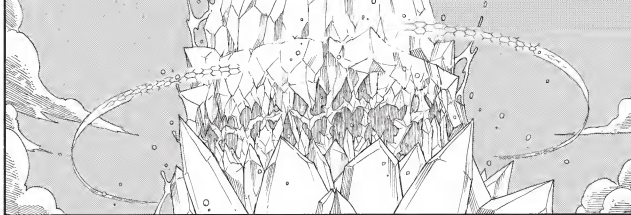


I don't know...
It's the first time
that we've seen it
started up too.



You
don't mean
they're
reviving
Zeref, do
you?!!

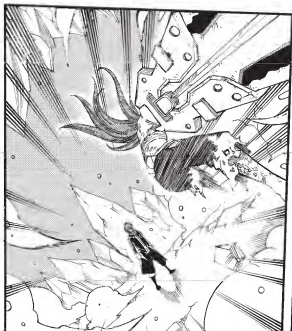
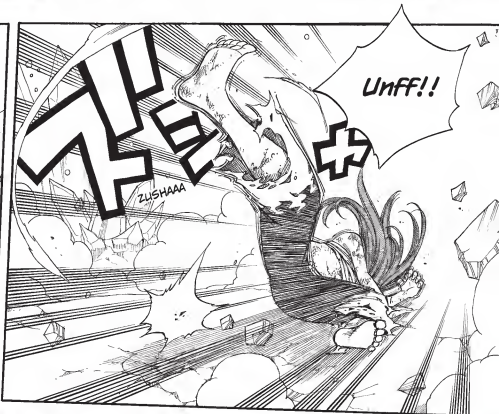
Started
up, you
say?!!



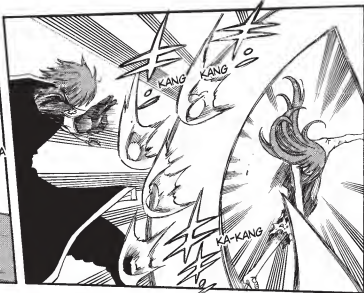
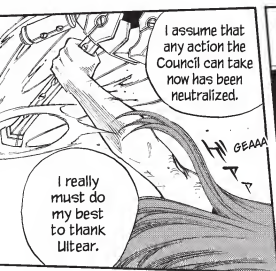
Where is that
might you
showed a little
while ago?

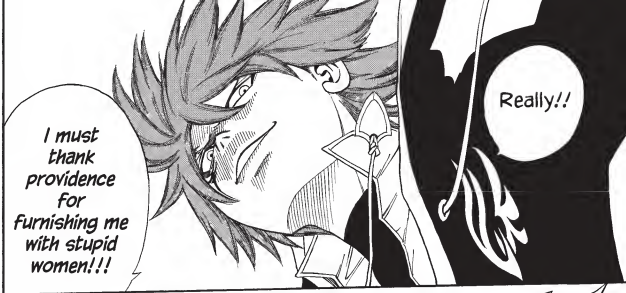


Did you use
up all your
magical power
fighting with
Ikaruga?



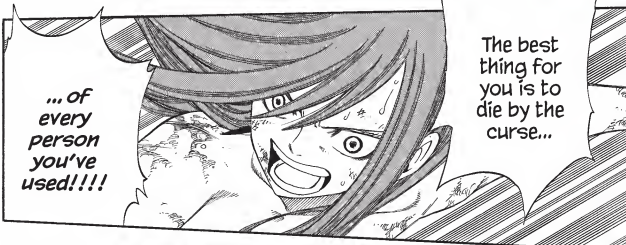
J
e
l
l
a
!!!!





*I must
thank
providence
for
furnishing me
with stupid
women!!!*

Really!!



*...of
every
person
you've
used!!!!*

The best
thing for
you is to
die by the
curse...



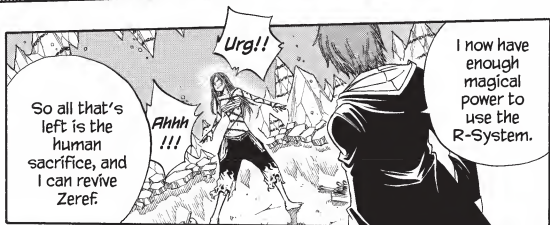
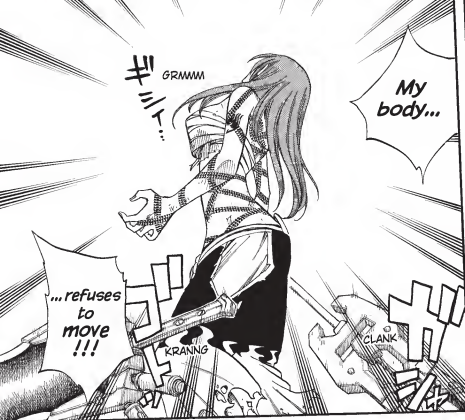
A bind snake.
I placed it on
you when we
were hugging
so tenderly
back there.

GRN
GRN
GRN

Wh-What
is
that?!!

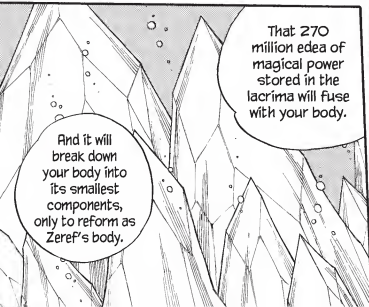
ZHAAN

!



So all that's left is the human sacrifice, and I can revive Zeref.

I now have enough magical power to use the R-System.



That 270 million eidea of magical power stored in the lacrima will fuse with your body.

And it will break down your body into its smallest components, only to reform as Zeref's body.



I'm afraid I have no time left to play with you, Erza.



I
really
did
love
you...

...Erza
!!



Gah!!

Uwaa!!



Damn
!!!

Dammit
!!!!



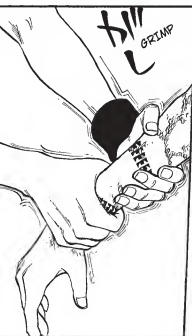
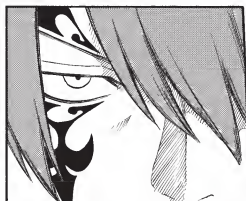
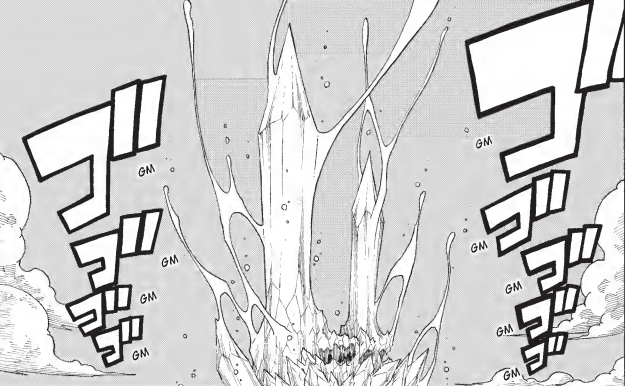
ZLMM
ZLMM
ZLMM

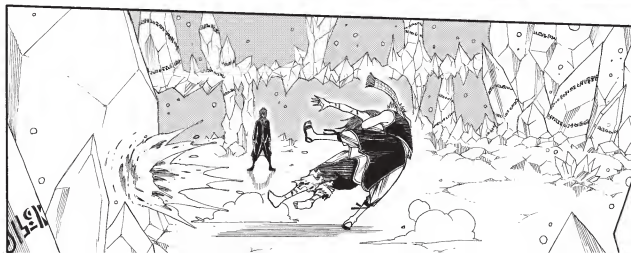
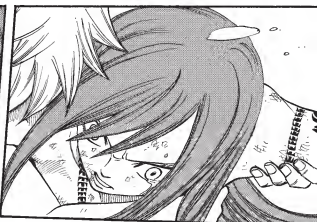
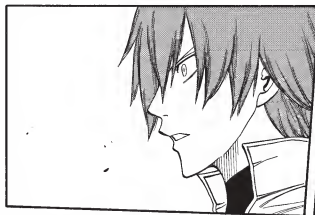
Uwaaaaa
!!!!



Take this
woman's
body
as my
offering
!!!!

O great
and
powerful
Zeref, I
now call
upon
you!!!!







*Erza is a
Fairy Tail
wizard!!!*

*I'm not
letting
you have
her!!!*



Natsu...

SSSS



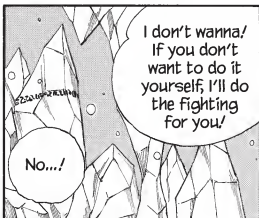
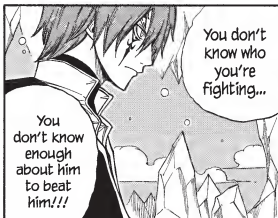
If we
don't,
who'll pay
the rent?!

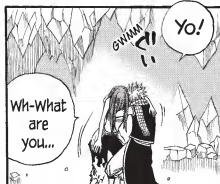
On Lucy's
place.

WHUMP

We have
to go back
and get
a paying
job!!

What're
you
doing
here?!



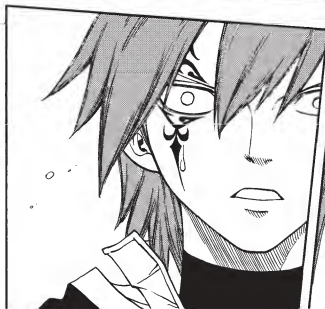


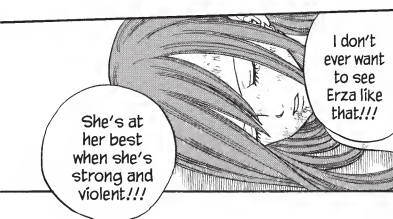
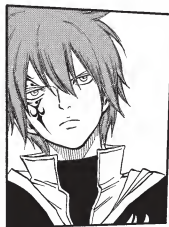
*But
I'm
going
to
win!!!!*

BOO

Gah!

UNF

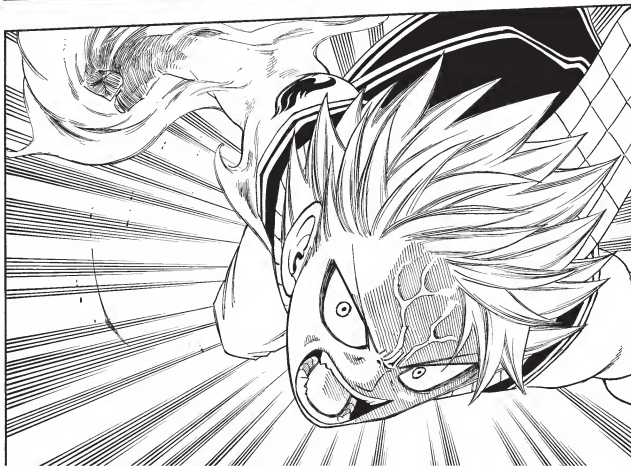






*...I'm
going to
take you
down!!!!*

*When she
wakes up,
I want her
to be her
old self,
and that's
why...*



FAIRY TAIL



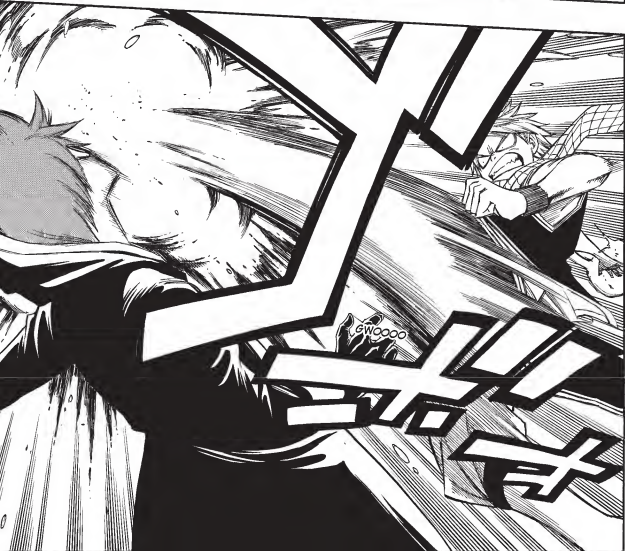
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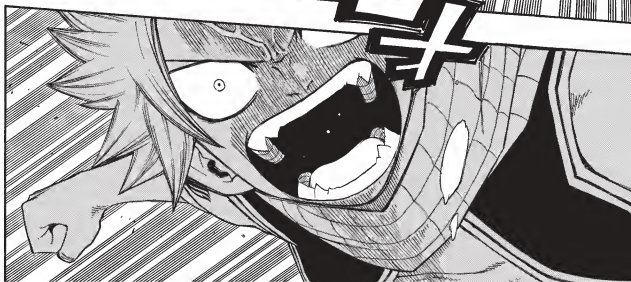
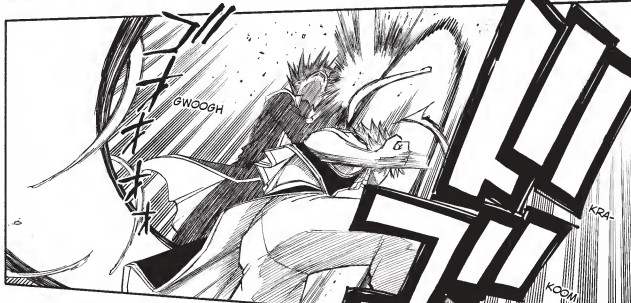
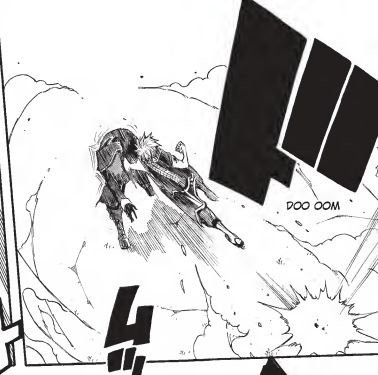
Remarks

A Wood Make wizard. She uses a magic that can take any wooden material and, in an instant, transform it into any shape she desires. Because of that talent, she has had very little sleep during the reconstruction of the guild.

She likes to use odd turns of phrase. Recently she cut her hair, but within her group of friends, she calls it "severing her hair." Other phrases include "feeding the stomach" for "eating" and "enduring the defenseless time" for "sleeping."









Karyû-
no-
Yokugeki
!!!!*

*FIRE DRAGON'S WING ATTACK!!!!



And...



Kagi-
zume
!!!!*

*Talons!!!!



GOOM

KAK

KRAK

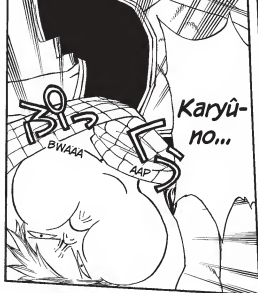
KRAK

GAGH

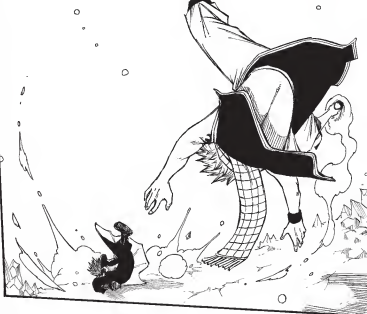
GWOO

DRAK

FWAM



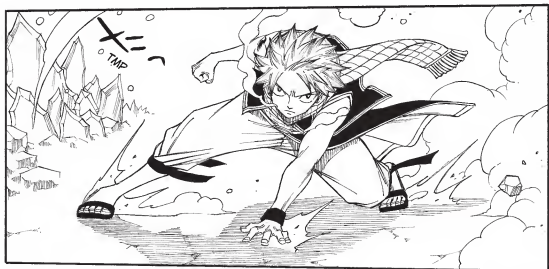
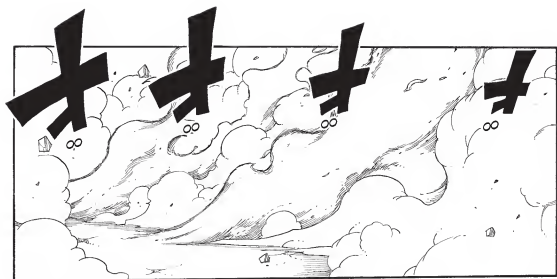
Karyû-no...



*Fire Dragon's Roar!!!!



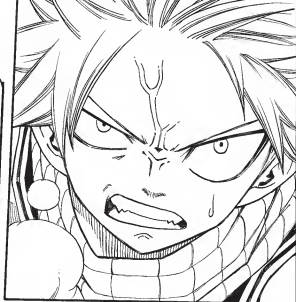
... Hôkô!
!!!!*



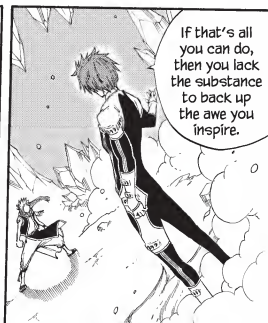




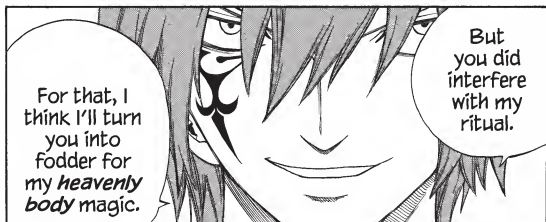
I'd hoped
to have a taste of
a dragon slayer's
magic before I
personally wiped them
off the face of the
Earth.



**What
was
that?
!!!**

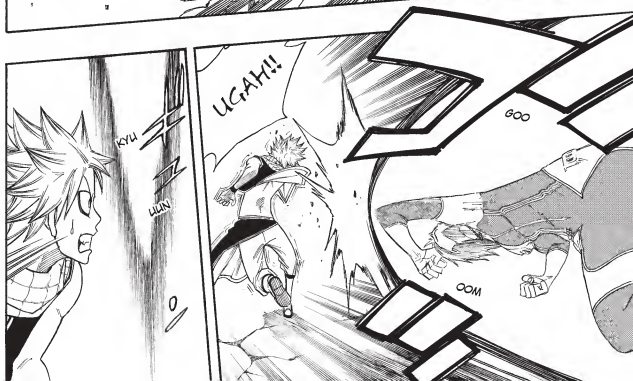
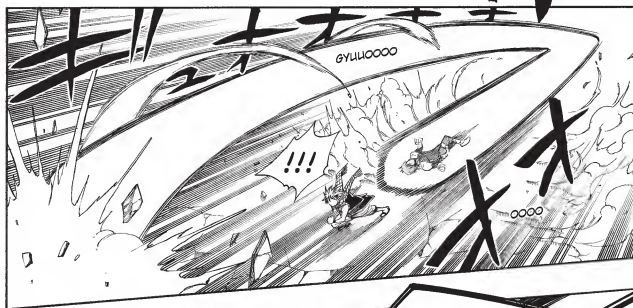


If that's all
you can do,
then you lack
the substance
to back up
the awe you
inspire.

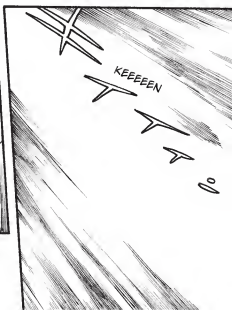
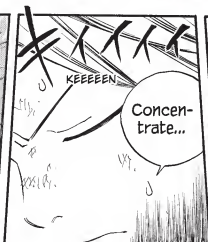
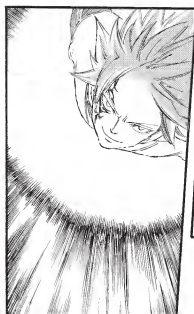
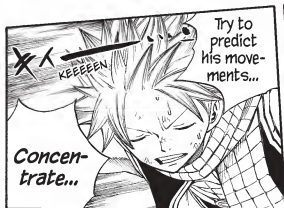


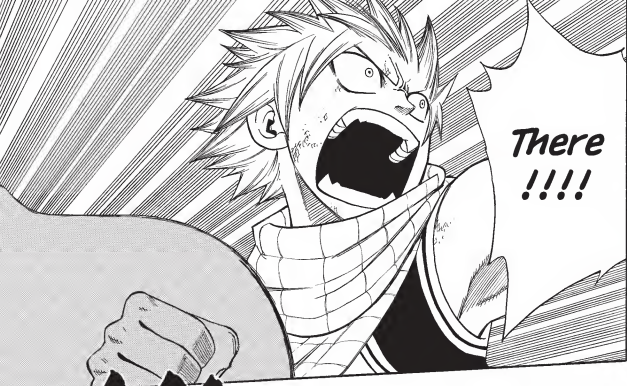
For that, I
think I'll turn
you into
fodder for
my *heavenly*
body magic.

But
you did
interfere
with my
ritual.







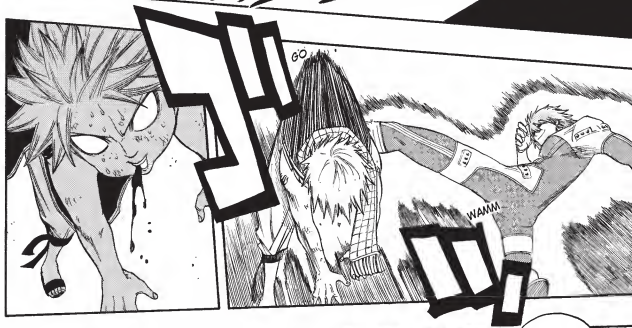


*There
!!!!*

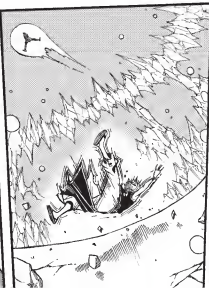


He's
going
even
faster?!

24-
KAM



Seven Stars, pass your judgment on him!!



Now to finish it!!!

I'll let you experience what true destruction magic is like!!

**Grand
Chariot
!!!!**

ZLDM

DM

DM

DM

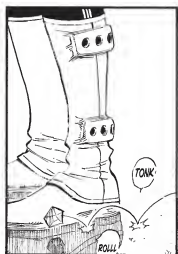
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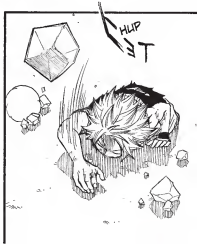
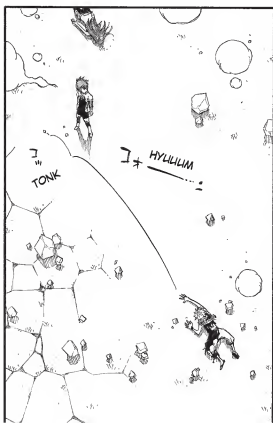
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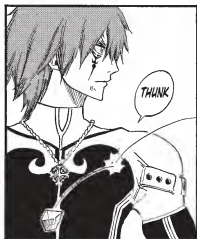
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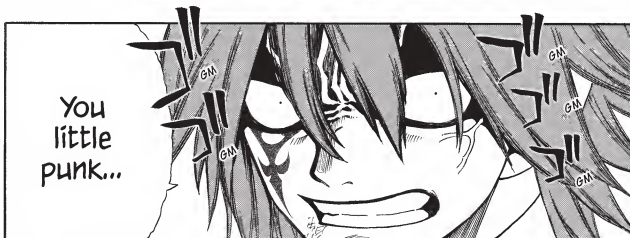
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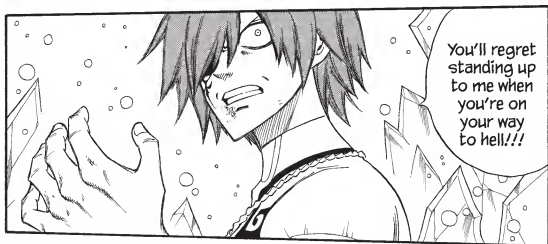


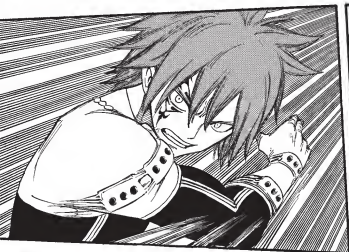


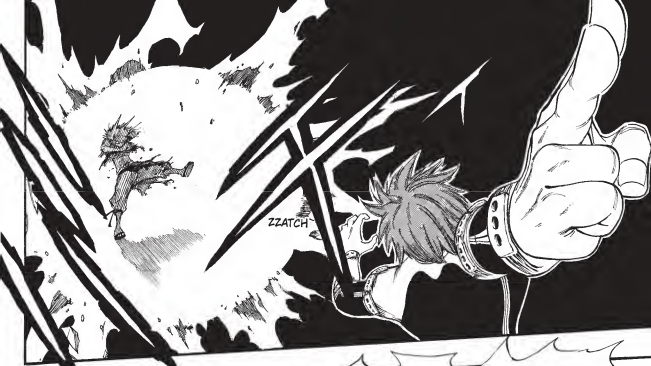
FAIRY TAIL

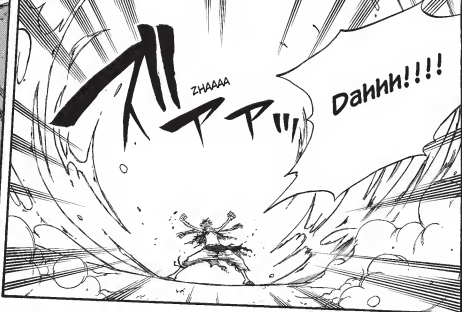
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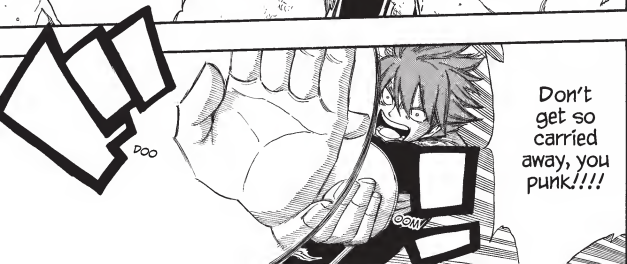




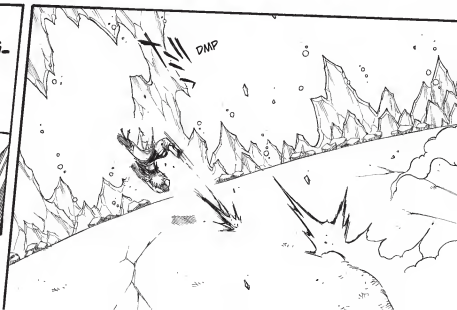
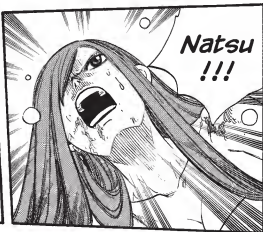
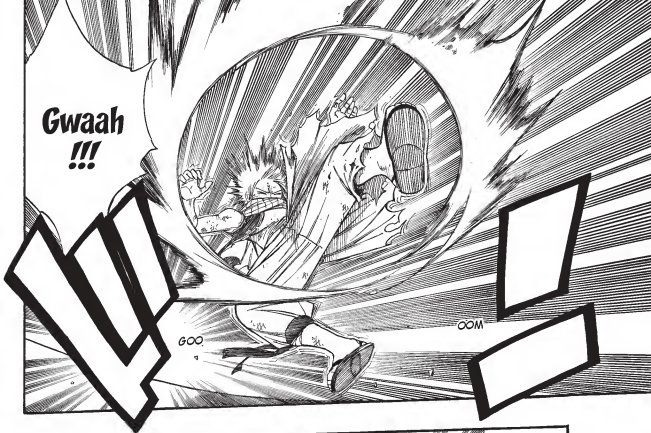


*I can
hardly
even
feel
it!!!*

What's the
matter? Are
you so afraid
of hurting your
tower that you
can't go full
out on me?

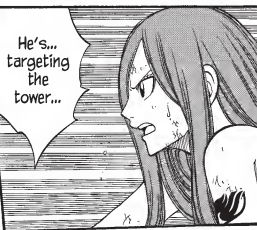
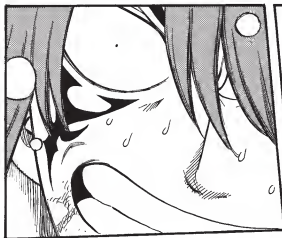


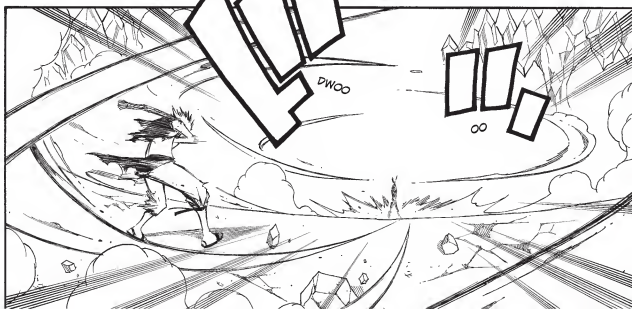
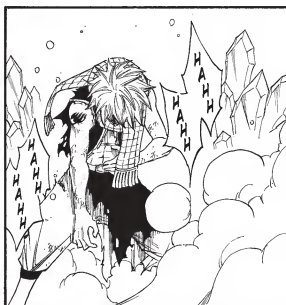
Don't
get so
carried
away, you
punk!!!!

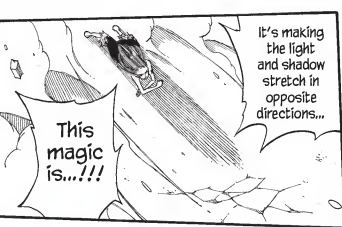
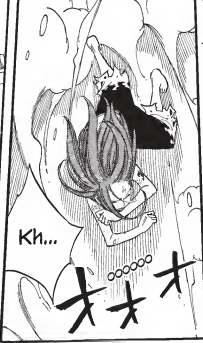


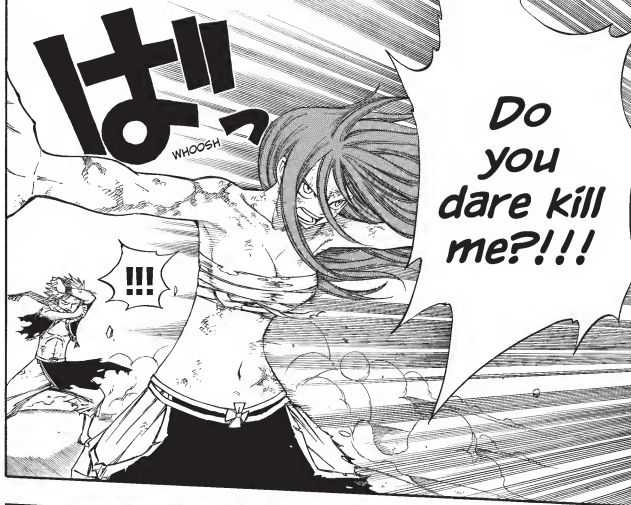


*Fire Dragon's Gleaming Flame!!!!

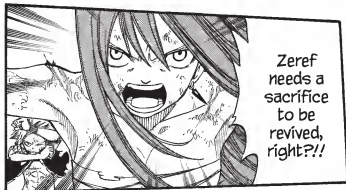




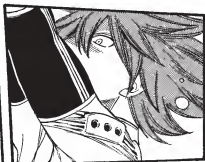




*Do
you
dare kill
me?!!!*



Zeref
needs a
sacrifice
to be
revived,
right?!!

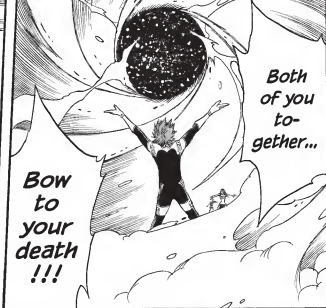


But now
that it's
come to
this, it
doesn't
have to be
you!!!

Yes...One
condition is
that the body
be of a wizard
that is fit to
be a wizard
saint.



Erza!!!
Get out
of the
way!!!



*Bow
to
your
death
!!!*

*Both
of you
to-
gether...*



!!



I will
protect
you!!!

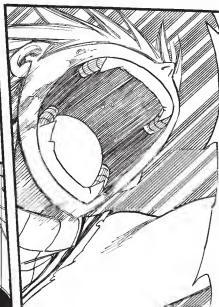


You have
nothing
to worry
about!!!

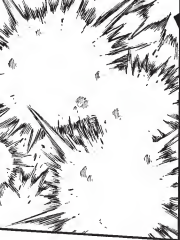


...Altairis
!!!!

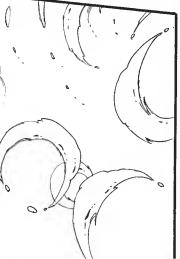
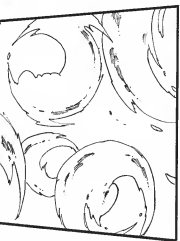
*heavenly
body
magic...*



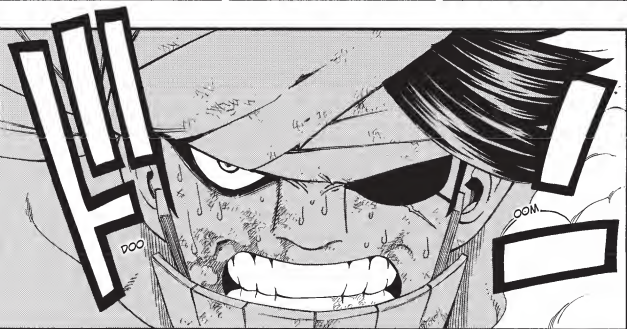
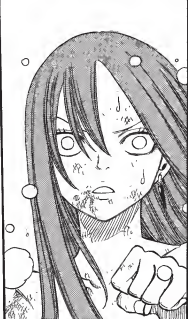
No!!!
Don't
!!!!

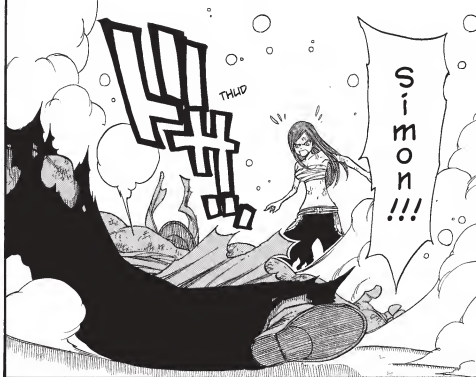


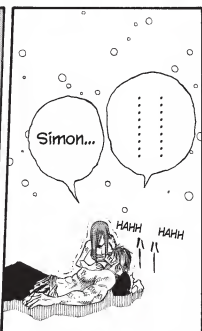
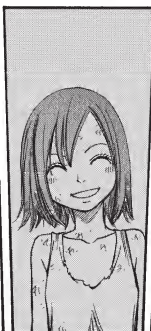
Erza
!!!!







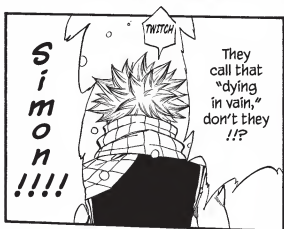






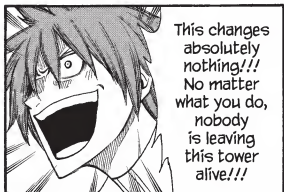
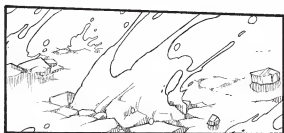
The
most
pitiful
thing
I've ever
seen!!!!

How
pitiful
!!!



**S
i
m
o
n
!!!!**

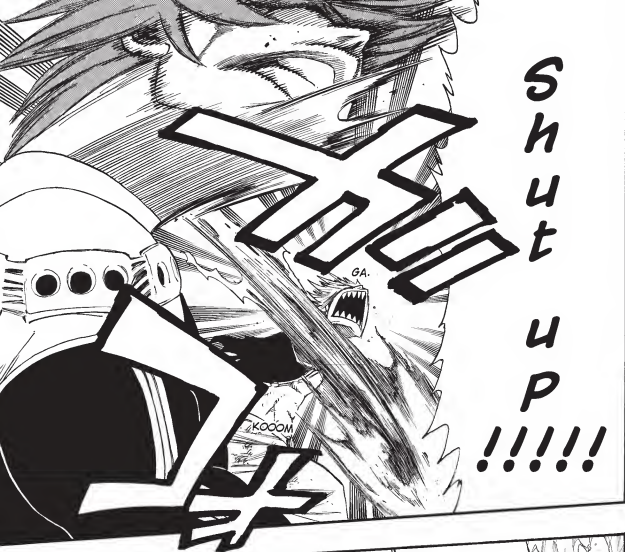
They
call that
"dying
in vain,"
don't they
!!?



This changes
absolutely
nothing!!!
No matter
what you do,
nobody
is leaving
this tower
alive!!!

**Nooooooooo
!!!!!!**





S
h
u
t

u
p

!!!!!!



Gahh...



He's...
!!!



N-Natsu...

What
are...



KRAK

MUNCH
MUNCH

CRUNCH

He's
eating
Etherion
!!!!

OOOOO
HHHHH
!!!!!!

BZZT

BZZT

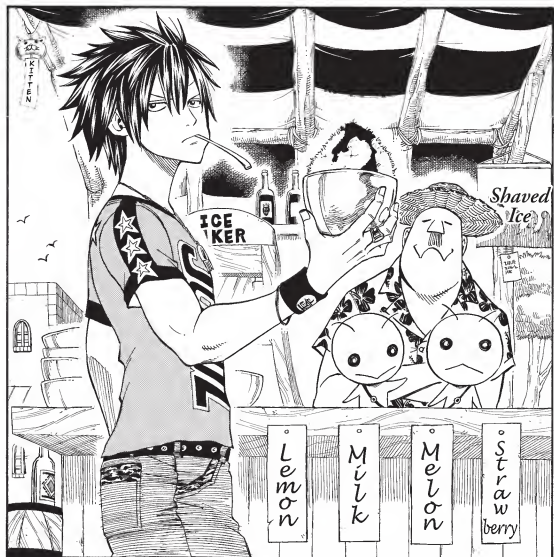
BZZT

BZZT



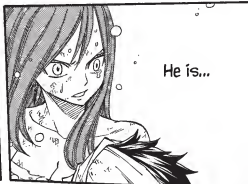
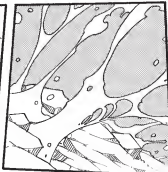
FAIRY TAIL

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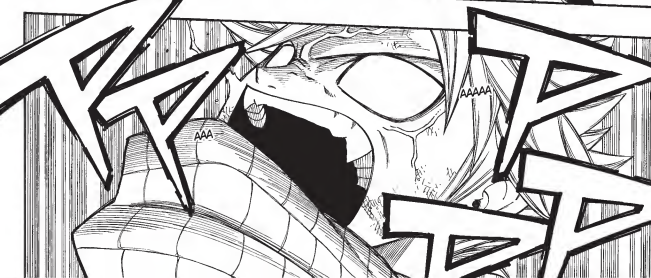


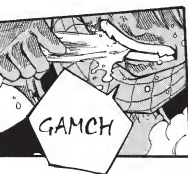


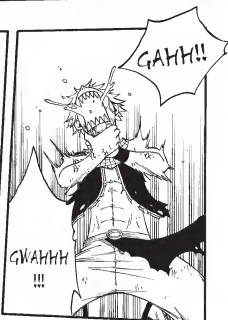
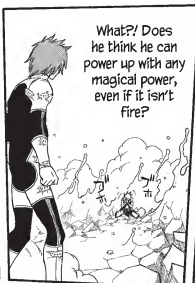
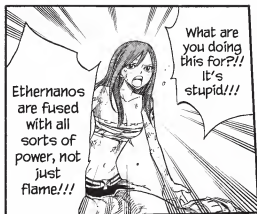
...eating
Etherion?!!



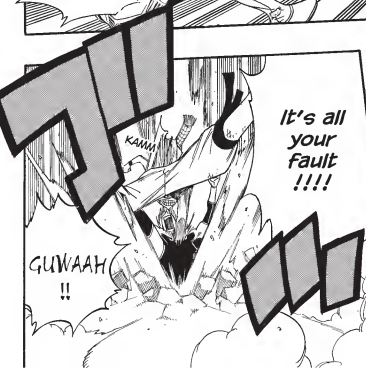
He is...





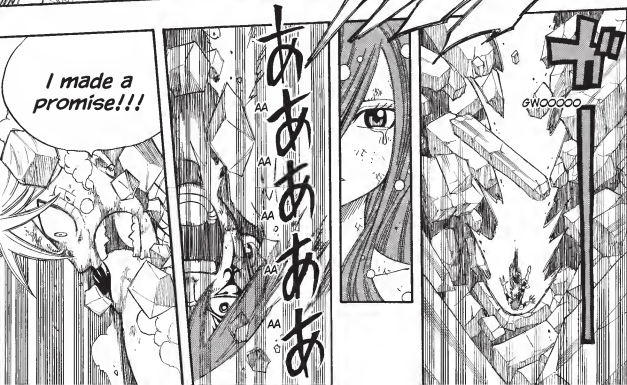








**You're
why
Erza
cries
!!!!**

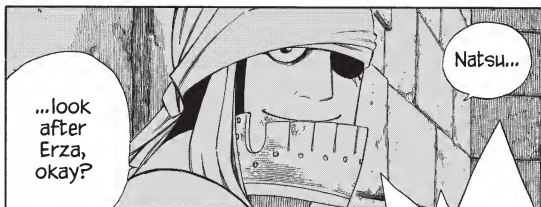


**I made a
promise!!!**

ああああああ

ガ

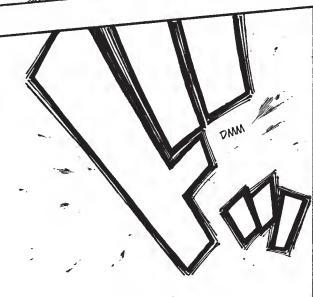
GWOOOOO



*I
made a
promise
!!!!*



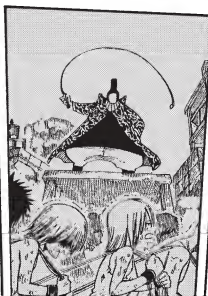
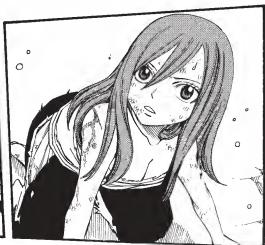
*You
uppity
little...
!!!*



ГАНАНН...

GWOO

200



That's right...
I'm the only
one who can
feel Zeref!!!



He quietly
asked
me if I
wanted
true
freedom
!!!



In my fear
and pain,
Zeref
whispered
to me!!!

Together
with Zeref,
I will create
a nation
of true
freedom!!!!



I am
the
chosen
one!!!!

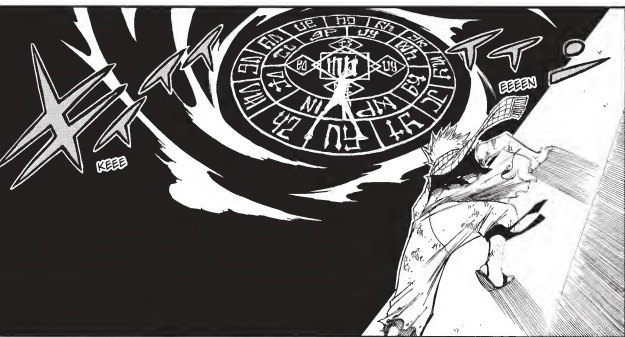


And you
tried to
make it by
stealing the
freedom of
everybody
else!!!!

Why don't
you stupid
people
understand
that?!!!



Only the will
to change
the world
can alter
history!!!



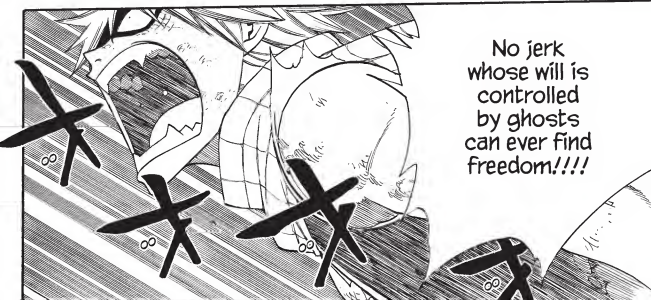
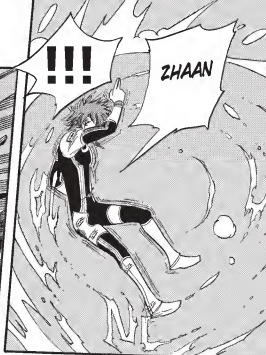
All I need
is another
eight years...
No, I can
complete it
in five...

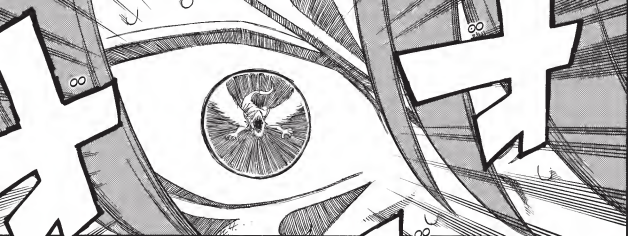
Zeref...
just you
wait!!!



Is
that an
Abyss
Break?
!!!

Is he
going to
destroy
everything,
including
the
tower?!!!

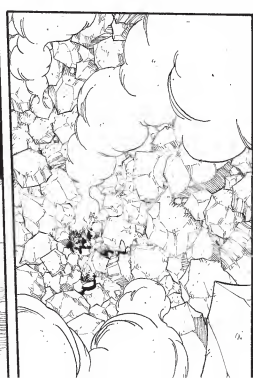
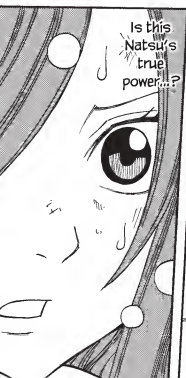
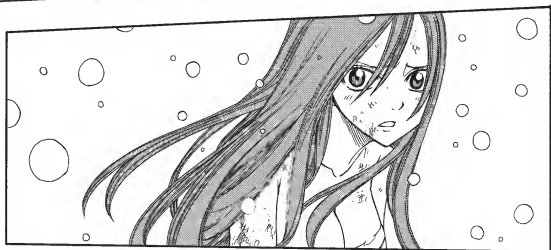
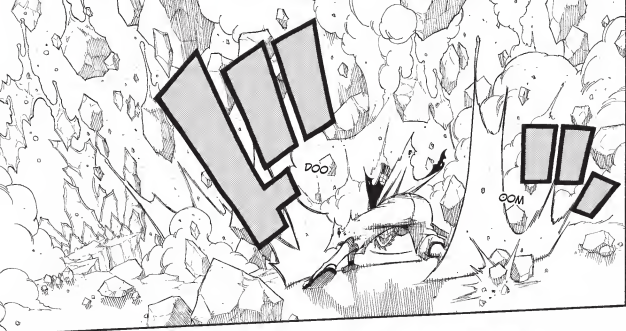




*Free
yourself
first!!!!
Jellal!!!!*







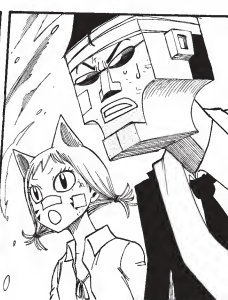
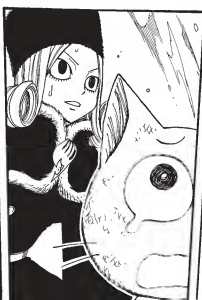
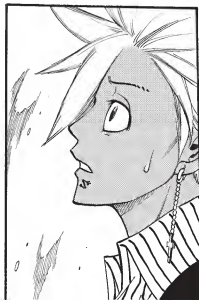
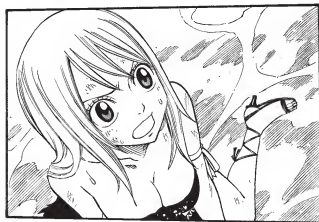
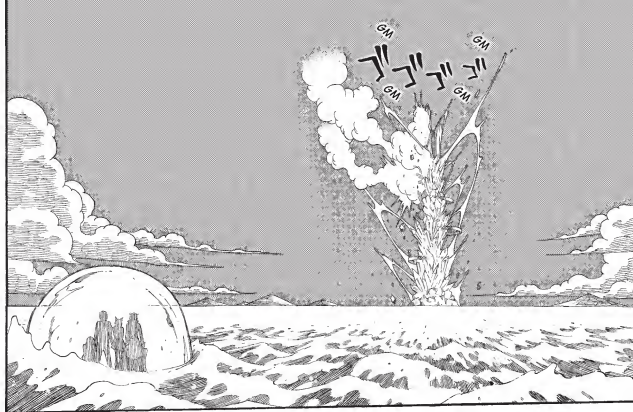


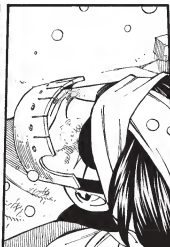
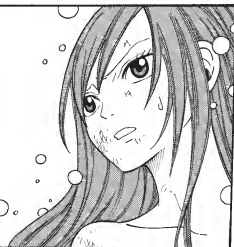
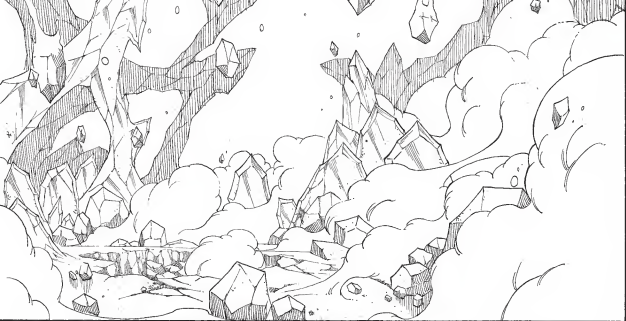
Is
this
a
dragon
slayer?
!!!!

FAIRY TAIL



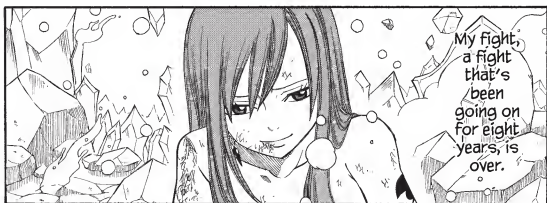
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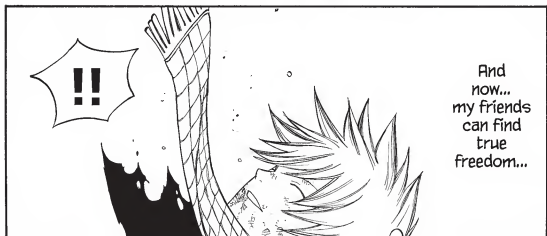




He
defeated
as
powerful
a man as
Jellā...

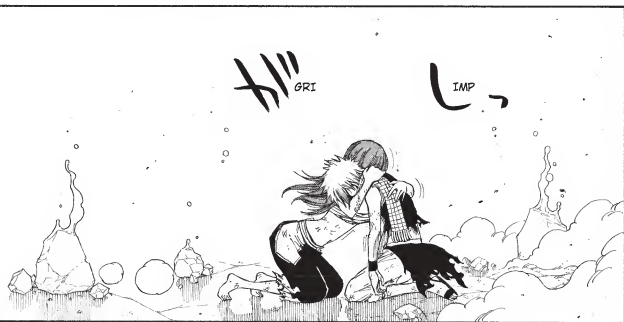


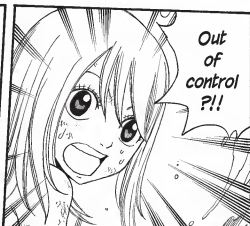
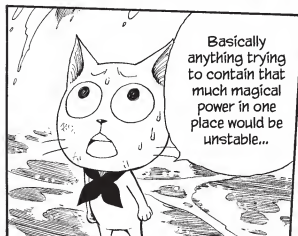
My fight,
a fight
that's
been
going on
for eight
years, is
over.



!!

And
now...
my friends
can find
true
freedom...





What about
sis and
the others
inside?!!

Wait a
second!!
With us this
close, we're
going to—

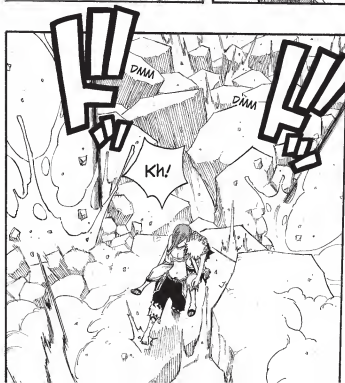
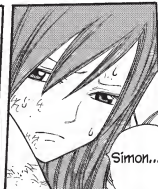
It's
bursting
out and
causing
an explo-
sion...

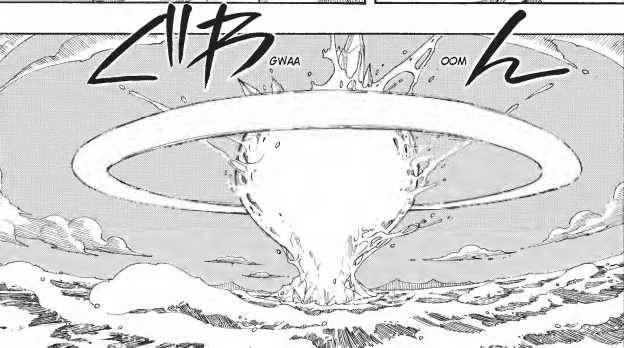
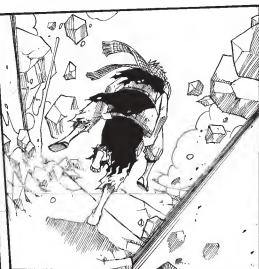
It's a tidal
wave of
magical power with
no place
to go...

We're in
danger
here...

There's
something
more urgent
than who can
be rescued
and who can't...

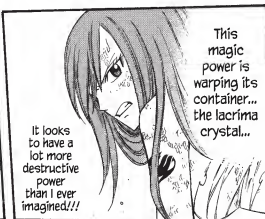
... of
complete
destruc-
tion!!!







With things as they are, even if we get outside the building, we'll still be caught up in the blast!!!



It looks to have a lot more destructive power than I ever imagined!!!

This magic power is warping its container... the lacrima crystal...



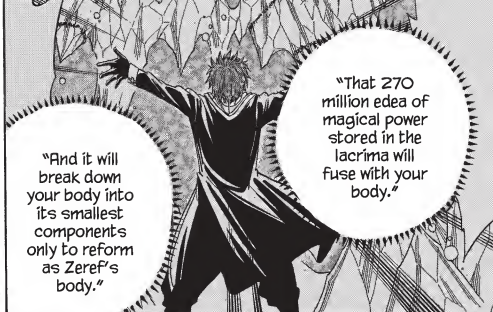
Dammit !!!

Does it all end here?!!





"Fuse"
?"

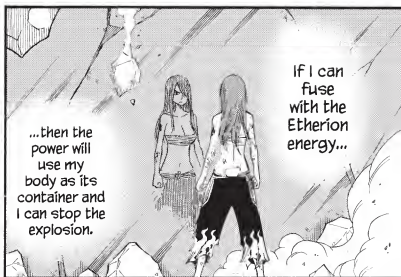


"And it will
break down
your body into
its smallest
components
only to reform
as Zeref's
body."

"That 270
million edea of
magical power
stored in the
lacrima will
fuse with your
body."



I'll just
have
to risk
it!!!!



...then the
power will
use my
body as its
container and
I can stop the
explosion.

If I can
fuse
with the
Etherion
energy...

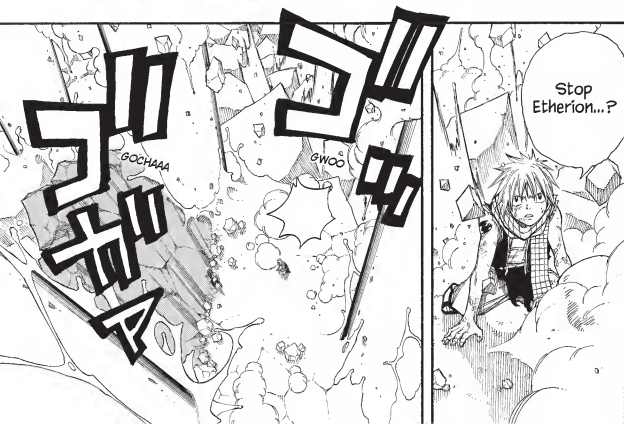
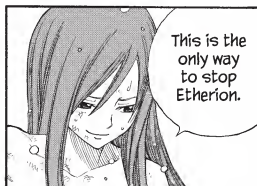


Good!!!
The
lacrima
crystal is
allowing
my body
inside!!!

Errnn...



Arrg
!!!



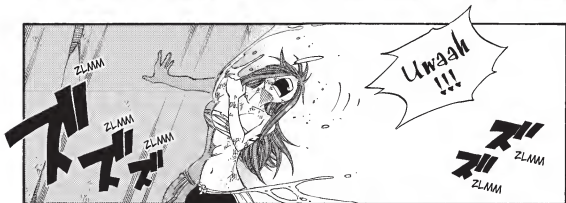
**Don't
be stupid!!!
If you do that,
you'll-!!!**



But if
I can fuse
with Etherion,
I may be able
to absorb the
energy...



Pretty
soon, Etherion
will go out of
control and
destroy the
tower in a huge
explosion.



**Uwaaah
!!!**



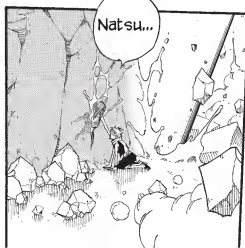
**Stop
it!!!
Erza!!!**



**Don't
do
it!!!**



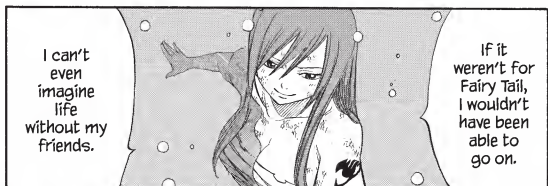
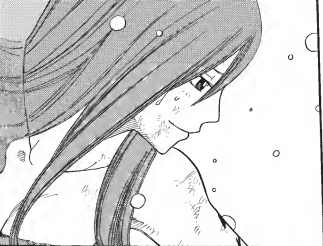
Erza!!!

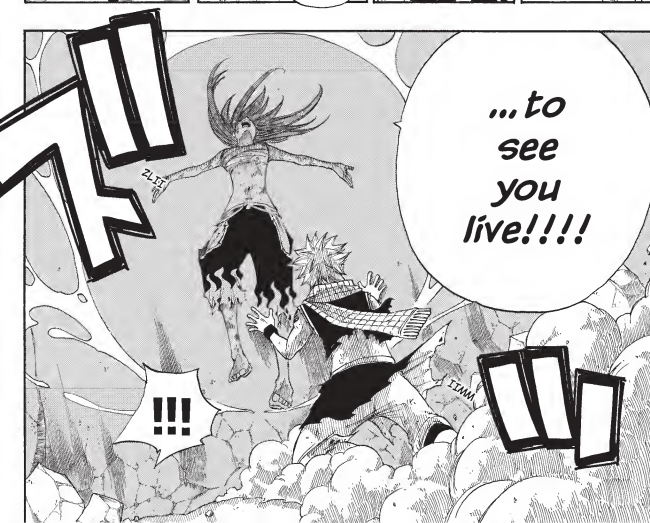
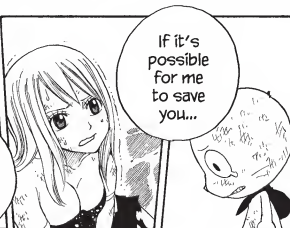


Natsu...



Don't
worry! I'll
figure out a
way to stop
it...







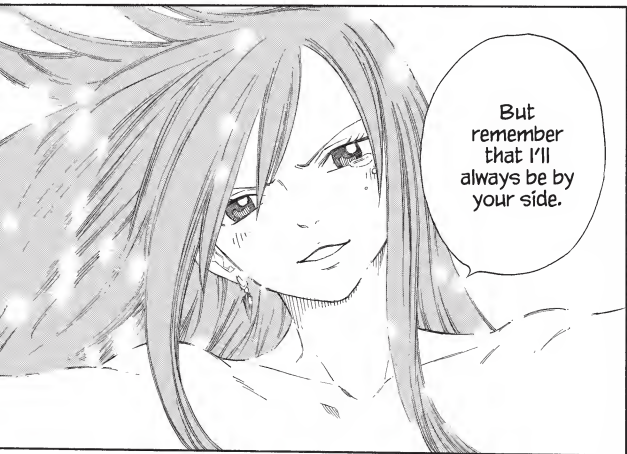
Natsu...

...take
care of
everyone
for me.

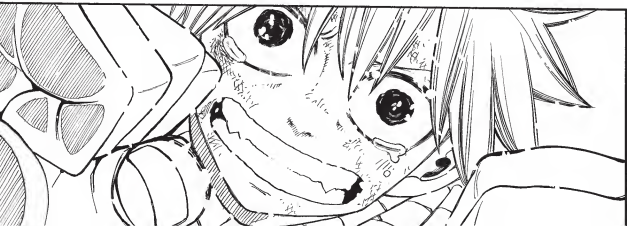


*Come
out of
there,
Erza!!!!*

*Erza
!!!!*



But
remember
that I'll
always be by
your side.





Kyaaaa
!!!!

It
exploded
!!!!



N-No...
It's some-
thing
else!!!

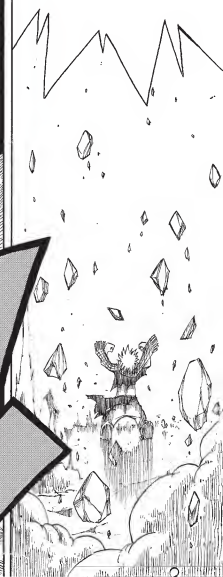


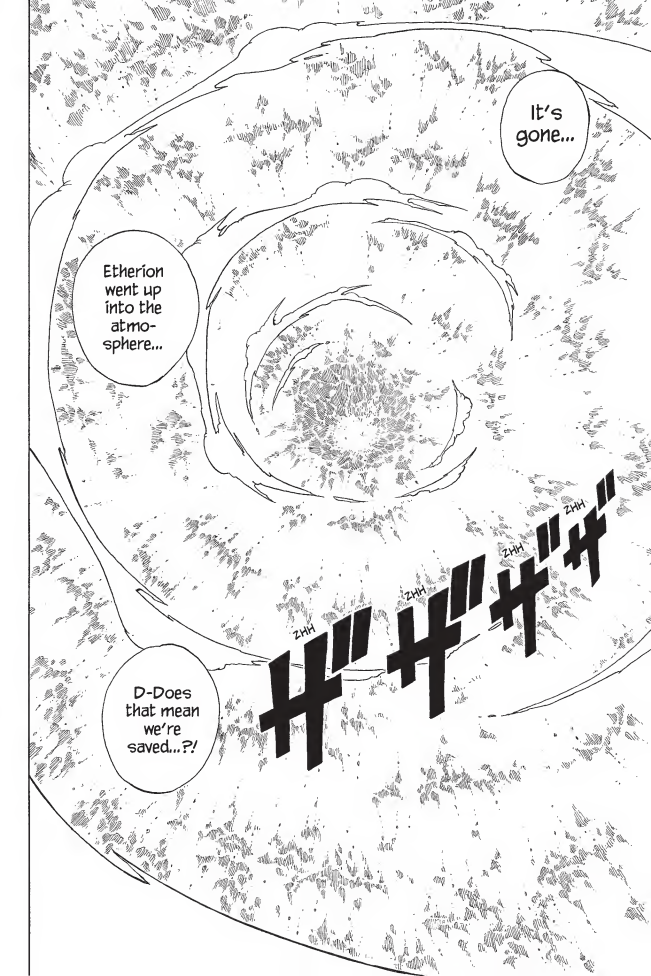
Etherion
is going
up to the
sky!!!

It's
flowing
upward
into the
sky!!!



Erza
!!!!



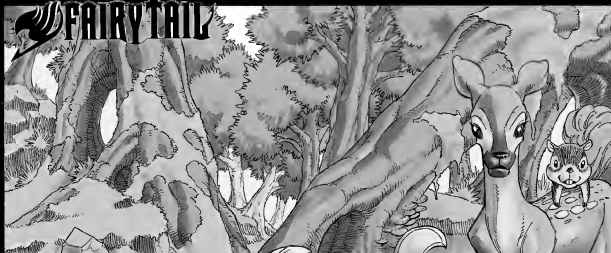


It's
gone...

Etherion
went up
into the
atmo-
sphere...

D-Does
that mean
we're
saved...?!

zhh zhh zhh zhh
"##"##"



It'd be
next to
impossible
to restore
your sight.

*Those
wounds
are
terrible!!*



Here we
finally get a
pretty face
in the guild...
the poor
thing!!!

Don't
say
that!!!
Come
on!!!

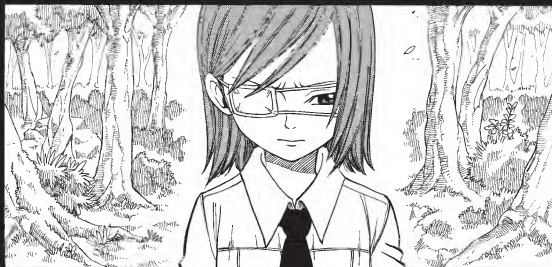
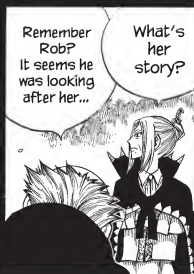


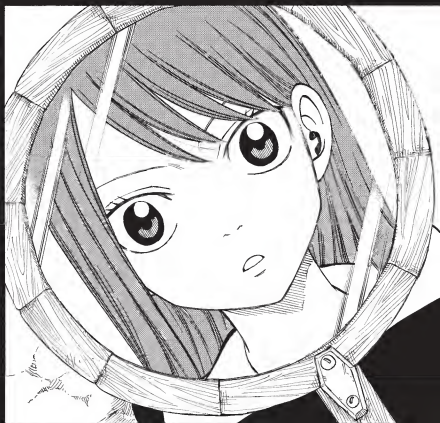
FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 100: To Tomorrow!



 **FAIRYTAIL**







You
fixed
it...

PLIP
PLIP



I don't
like
humans!

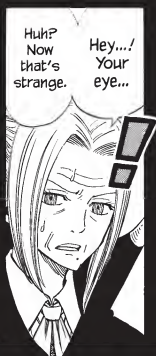
If so,
then get
out of
here!



That
shouldn't have
happened...
I made no
mistake
mixing the
medicine...

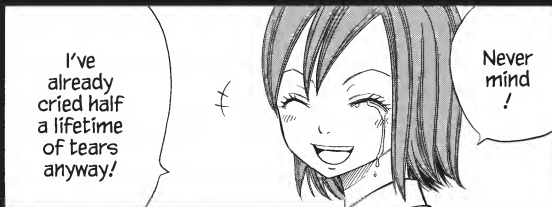


You have
tears
coming
out of
only one
eye.



Huh?
Now
that's
strange.

Hey...!
Your
eye...



I've
already
cried half
a lifetime
of tears
anyway!

Never
mind
!



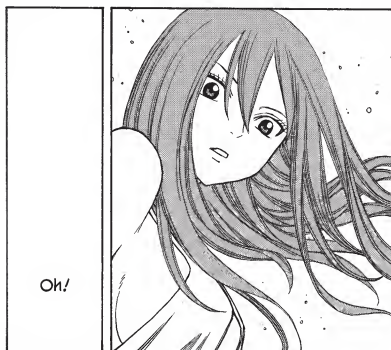


Where
am
I?!!



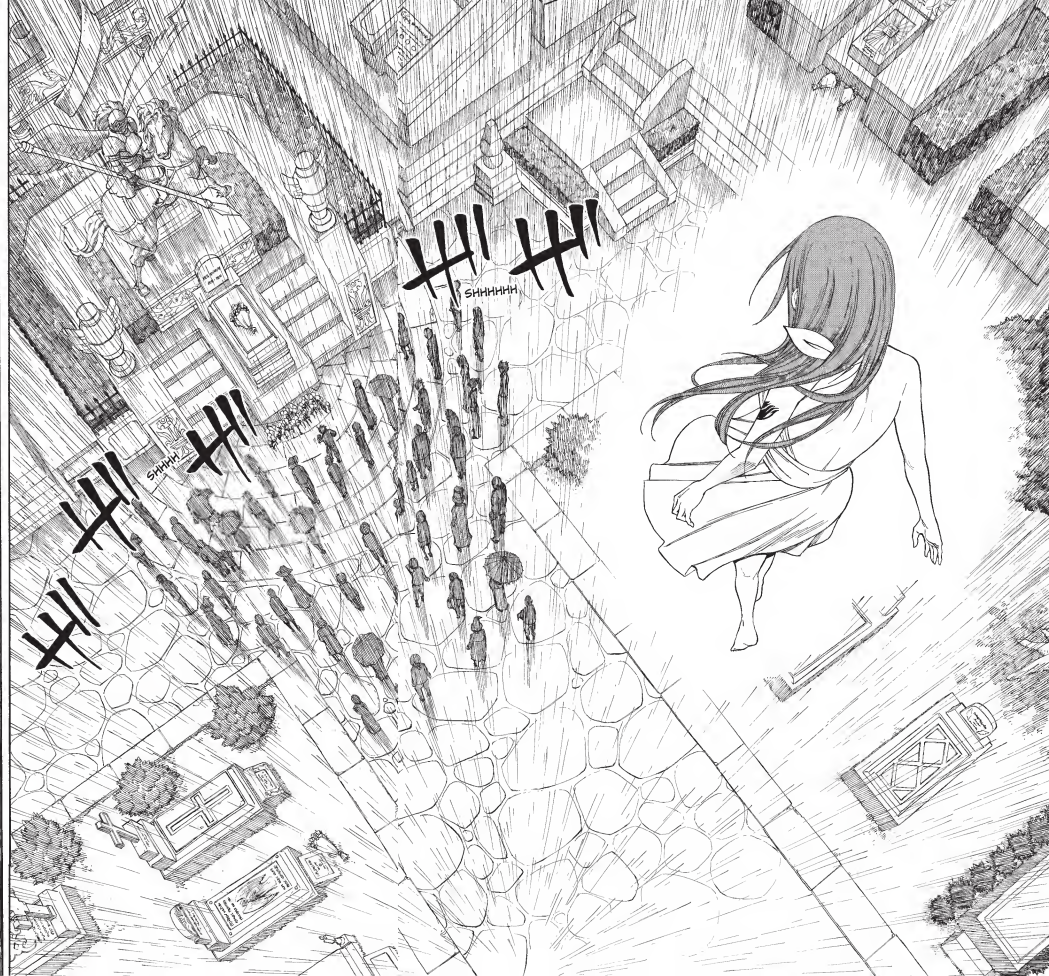
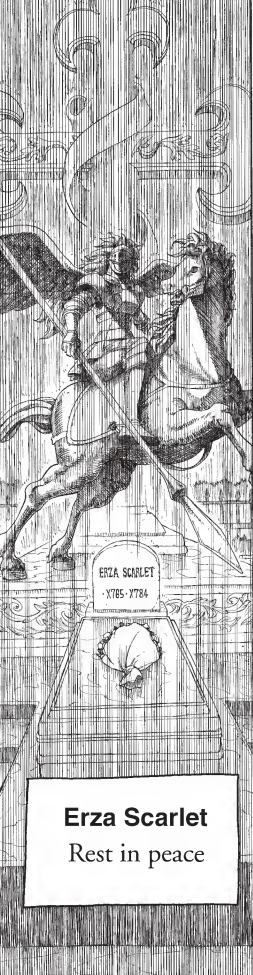
No, that
isn't it...
This place
is far
more warm...

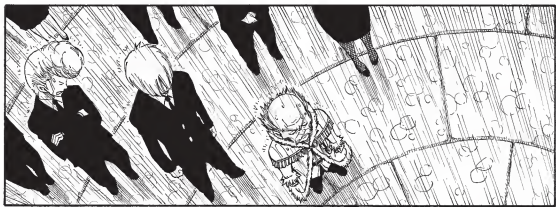
Inside
Etherion?!



Oh!

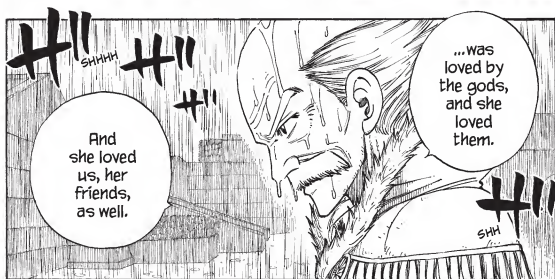








This woman...
Erza
Scarlet...



And
she loved
us, her
friends,
as well.

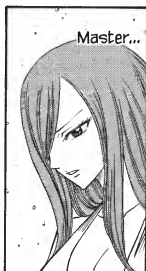
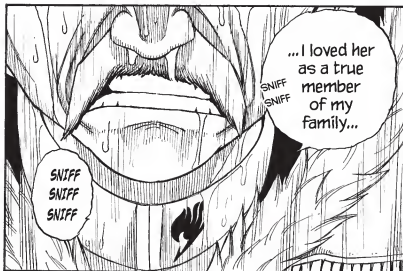
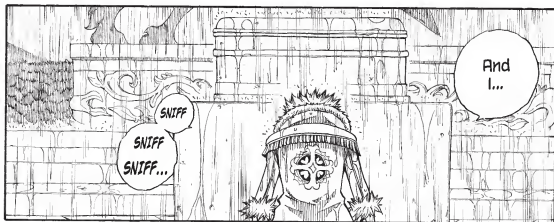
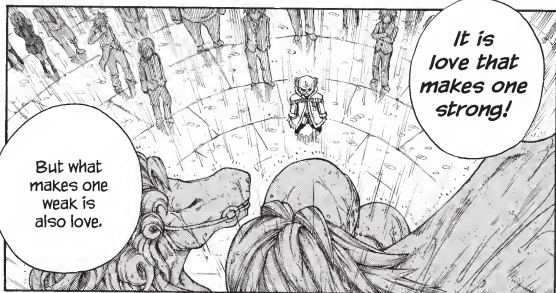
...was
loved by
the gods,
and she
loved
them.

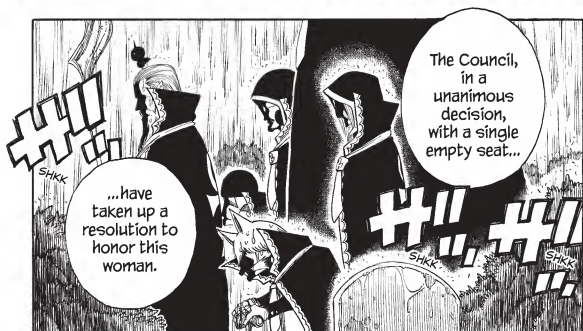
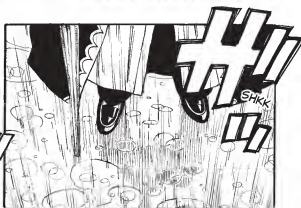


She moved
in the way
fairies dance,
and she was
lovelier than the
finest scene
nature can
produce.

Her sword
glistened
nobly, and
was used
only for
those she
loved.

Her heart
was as
big and
limitless as
the sky.



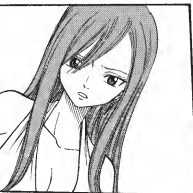




*We do now
declare Erza
Scarlet to
be an eternal
member of
the wizard
saints.*

SHAAAAAN

**Don't
make
me
sick!!!!**



**What is
with all
of you
guys?!!!**



Stop
that
now,
Natsu
!!!!

These
are a
waste
!!!



Natsu...



Erza
isn't
dead!!!

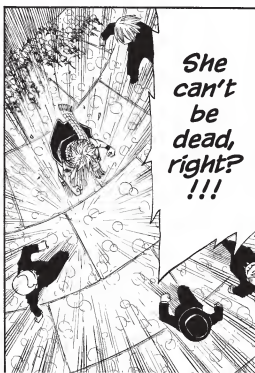


You
jerk!!

Natsu,
don't...



Wake up
to reality,
for pity's
sake!!!!



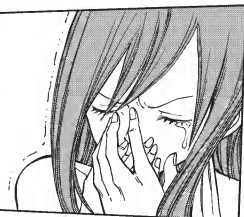
She
can't
be
dead,
right?
!!!



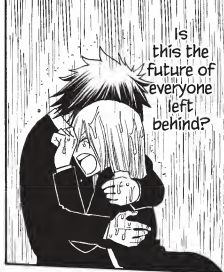
Please,
Natsu...
Don't!

**Erza's
still
alive
!!!!**

**Let
go
of
me
!!!!**



**I
did it...
for
Natsu's
future...**



Is
this the
future of
everyone
left
behind?



Is
this
their
future?



I just did
it so that
everybody
could smile
again...



I didn't
want to
see a
future
like
this!!



I'm
begging
you...
Please stop
crying like
that...

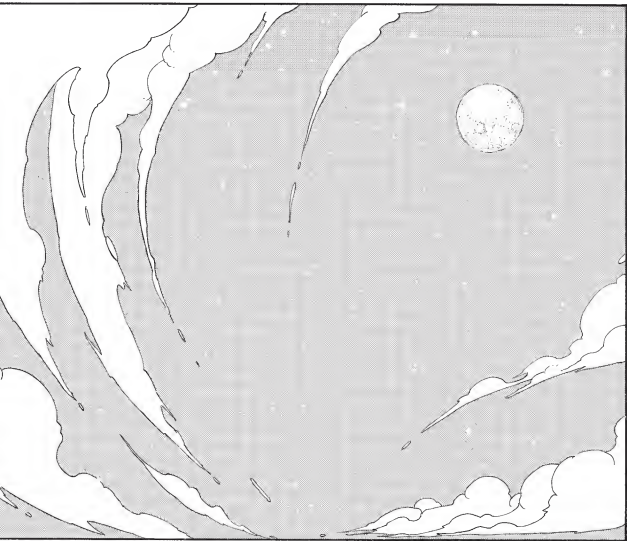


I can't...

Make it
stop!



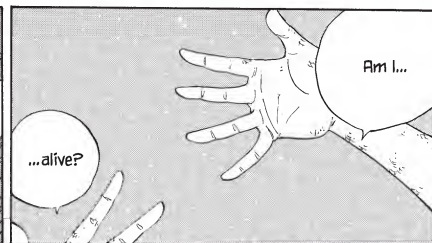
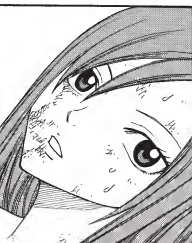
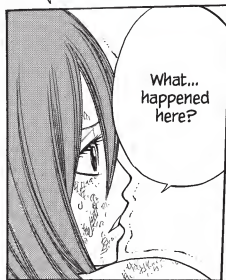
I
can't
do
this...



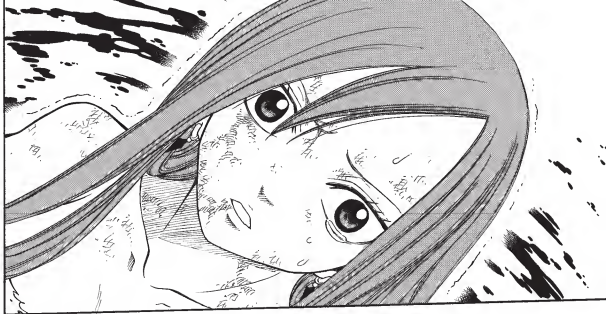
SPASH SPASH SPASH

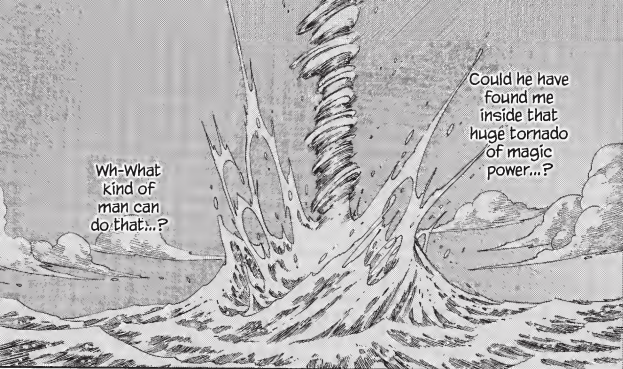
Where
am
I?!

Erza
!!!!









Wh-what
kind of
man can
do that...?

Could he have
found me
inside that
huge tornado
of magic
power...?

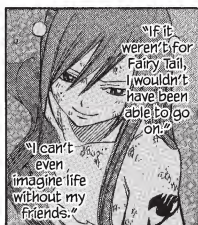


What?

It's the
same for
me.

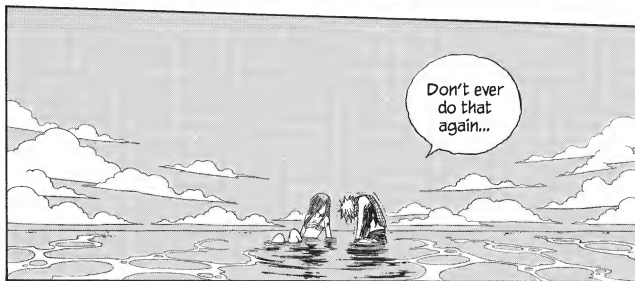
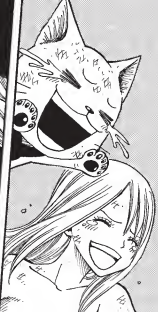
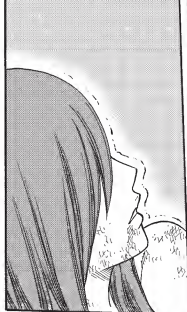


It's the
same for
all of us...



"If it
weren't for
Fairy Tail,
I wouldn't
have been
able to go
on."

"I can't
even
imagine life
without my
friends."



Don't ever
do that
again...



**Never
again
!!!!**

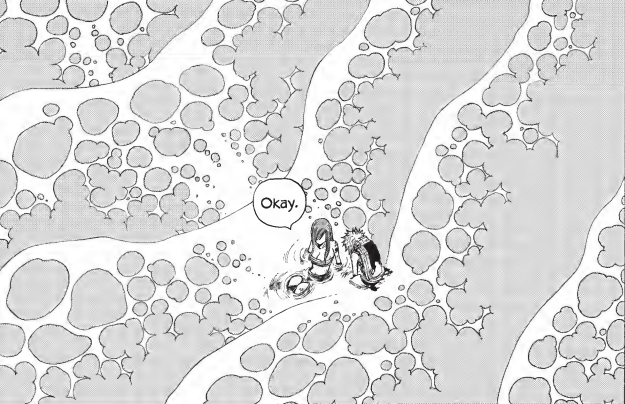


Natsu...



HIK...

SNIFF
SNIFF



One has
to *live*
for one's
friends!!!

One isn't
supposed
to die
for one's
friends...

I
guess...

Because that
is the path
that leads
to a happy
future...

TO BE CONTINUED

FAIRY TAIL





From the Counter at Fairy Tail...



: Moun-tain-i-on-ponnn!!



: What's that supposed to be?

Lucy: I thought the phrase would catch on. You know, something to get the people energized!

Moun-tain-i-on-ponnn!!

Mira: You know, I really doubt it's going to catch on.

Lucy: You're probably right.

Mira: And...straight to the first question.



That scar on Natsu's neck... What's it from?

Lucy: We get this question a lot!

Mira: That's true...I think it's the most common question.

Lucy: But I've got to say that I'm amazed at how observant some people are!

Mira: What amazes me is with all those letters, we're only getting around to it now...



: It's probably because the author hasn't thought up the answer yet, right?



: That certainly is one possibility...



Lucy: Huh? What? You're saying there's some big secret behind it?

Mira: Anyway, the editor put in a word of advice on this, and taking that advice to heart, this matter is a s-e-c-r-e-t! ♡



: I get the feeling that we didn't do anything to answer the question...



Lucy: So, on to the next question.

Those suits of Erza's armor that were cut to pieces, are they gone forever? I really loved the fire empress armor...



Lucy: The fire empress armor. It certainly is popular, isn't it?

Mira: Of course! It's Erza in twin ponytails!

Lucy: And the extremely high leg lines.

Mira: If she sends it out for repairs, she can get it fixed, right?

Lucy: Is that your answer?!!

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Continued from the left-hand page

Mira: Next question!

If Sh6 was stuck in the tower all that time, why is he so suntanned?



: There it is!! The question that points out problems with the whole setup!!



: The answer must be that he wasn't inside the tower for that entire time.

Lucy: You...think so?

Mira: He made it all the way to the hotel on Akane Beach, right? He must have had a little bit of freedom.

Lucy: I got it!! Sh6-kun was the only one allowed to work on the tower's walls!! That's why he's so tanned!



: All right!! We've solved it!!



: "Solved it?" I just made a wild guess and threw it out for consideration...

Mira: With that, we come to the final question!

What the heck is a Unison Raid?



Lucy: I don't really know myself. It just happened by coincidence at the time...If we were asked to do it again, I don't think we could.

Mira: A Unison Raid is what it sounds like. It's an attack where two different types of magic become one, raising the attack level to one much higher than it would be if both were cast at the same enemy separately.

Lucy: Wooo!! I did something really incredible, didn't I?



: They say that for all the recorded Unison Raids up to now, it could only happen between two friends so close they could almost read each other's thoughts. And even then, it's difficult.

Lucy: "Friends"...huh? Well, we can't claim that, but at the time...I'm sure that we really accepted each other on a very deep level, huh?



: No, it was simply coincidence! Stomp, stomp, stomp...



:



: After you went and said something that sounded cool.



Lucy:

Mira: Oh, dear! What is the matter? Lucy's frozen up like a statue!



Lucy:



: Okay, everybody! See you in the next volume!! Moun-tain-i-on-ponnn!!



: Hey!! That's my line!!

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► Extremely well done! It's like handwriting for a wizard!



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► What Was Effman ever looking this cool?



Kagoshima Prefecture, Mai Nishimura

► This is a really great smile on Natsu!! Just between you and me, Natsu's eyes are a little more catlike than most of the other characters.



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► Everyone pose for the picture!!! You really wait for it! Thanks for drawing all of those characters!



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D-D! This seems really have that much impact on the readers? Or was this all sent by people in the same family?



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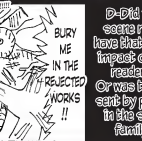
► Huh? It looks like everybody's paired off into couples...



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Ito 59



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Saitama Prefecture, Leona

► Unpopular! Everybody's in the kind of picture could be turned into a key holder!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in Nagano Prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shōnen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

AFTERWORD

The Erza chapter is over! Thank you for hanging in there!!! No, really, that's how I feel. I hung in, and I'm a little tired. But those last images in the book where Natsu and Erza are hugging—I really wanted to draw that!! I wanted to draw the scene where Erza was crying out of both eyes!! I worked hard through the whole story arc just to get to those. The fact that Erza could only cry out of one eye was something I had decided on at the beginning, and if you look at all the images of her crying, you'll see it foreshadowed in those...But there's one scene where I made a mistake and had tears streaming out of both eyes. (Sweat, sweat.) And I had paid so much attention to foreshadowing this fact too...so why?!! (Did I simply forget?)

Actually, this entire Erza chapter was a parody of my last work, *Rave Master's* Etherion Chapter. Etherion. Sieg. Sieg's magic. The scene where Natsu is pictured on a black background and his taunts. The fireworks in the next volume too. All that and more were self parodies. Of course, if you don't know about it, it doesn't affect your enjoyment. But I hope those who do know get a small smile on their faces while reading it.

And while concentrating on other things like the above stuff, *Fairy Tail* has reached its one hundredth installment!!! Yaay! I never intended it to go on this long!!! I had thought that I'd stop this series at about ten volumes!! That's what I figured!!! But everybody's warm support got me all fired up!!! Or, to tell you the truth, I just don't think I've drawn enough of the story to finish it off. (Eh-heh!) While I'm in the middle of drawing *Fairy Tail*, I just keep coming up with new things that I want to draw. Even though I haven't even thought through to the next plot twist! (Ha ha.) And so, I'd like to thank you all for your support. I plan to try even harder in the future! In the next volume, we have a character show up again from the old days...(You mean that character's going to be a regular?!!)

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

General Notes: Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word “wizard” is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madōshi* as “wizard”. But *madōshi*’s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word “wizard” is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional Western wizards, such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

San Diego Comic-Con, page 202

The San Diego Comic-Con is America’s largest comic-book convention, with an annual attendance of more than 120,000 in the past several years (including 2008, when Mashima-sensei went). Although it was traditionally a convention for American comic books, it has supported anime and manga since the 1980s, and has been a playground for such notable manga luminaries as Monkey Punch (*Lupin III*), Kia Asamiya (*Silent Mobius*), and Rumiko Takahashi (*Inu Yasha*) among many others. In the ’90s and especially the decade of the 2000s, movie studios began to see the potential for viral marketing and started to play their previews and host Hollywood stars, directors, and crews in panels plugging their movies. There is even a panel for translators and editors of manga and anime, for any who want to know more about how their favorite manga is brought to English-speaking countries.

Ikaruga's poem, page 9

Ikaruga's poem is a haiku. Haiku is the most popular form of Japanese poetry. A standard haiku verse is a series of seventeen syllables separated into lines of five syllables, then seven, then five. See more about haiku in the notes for volume 11.



Grand Chariot, page 97

The seven stars Jellal is referring to form the constellation (star cluster) known to most American astronomers and astronomy hobbyists as the Pleiades. However, it is known in French as the Grand Chariot, and although the kanji in Jellal's dialog was written as "Seven Star Sword," the *furigana* pronunciation guide to the kanji reads, "Grand Chariot."



Shaved Ice, page 123

This image depicts a pretty standard summer scene in Japan. Shaved ice is one of the most popular summertime treats for children (and adults) in Japan. It is something like the popular treat, snowcones, in the West, but the amount of toppings is far more varied. Aside from the syrups found in snowcones, shaved ice can also be topped with such things as condensed milk, sweet beans, or maccha green tea.

Moun-tain-li-on-pooon! page 195

What she said in the Japanese was, "Ya-ma-ne-ko-pooon!" which basically means "Mountain Lion-pooon" with the "pooon" part being a meaningless sound intended to make the phrase a little cuter.



I went to a signing in San
Diego, USA! Uwooh!!

I was a little worried.
What would I do if I went
to the signing and nobody
showed up? But my fears
were groundless—a huge
group of people were
there, and the signing was
a smashing success!!

(Phew! That was a relief!)

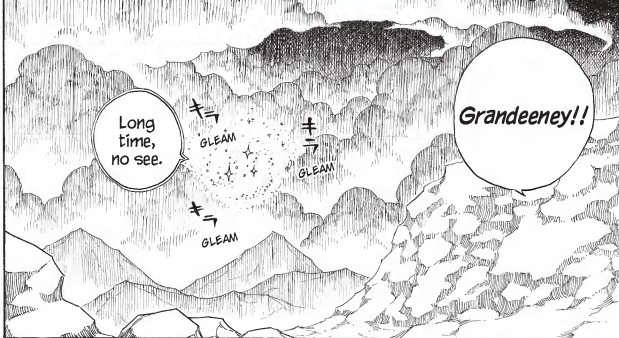
This is a picture of me
going on a rampage when
some nice fan gave me a
scarf just like Natsu's!

—Hiro Mashima

Preview of Volume 13

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Long
time,
no see.

GLEAM

GLEAM

GLEAM

Grandeeneey!!

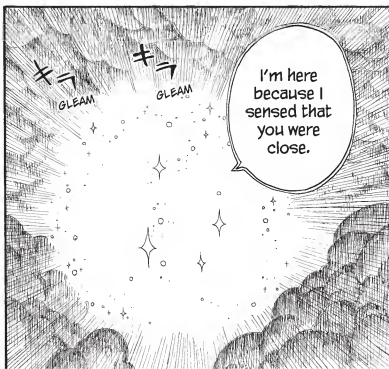


You should
leave *now*,
Grandeeneey!

You are...
forbidden to
meddle...or
even come
here!



You know, *that*
child is truly a
troublemaker.



I'm here
because I
sensed that
you were
close.





*Is it truly
your aim to
make Igneel
angry?!!!!*

GRAAAHHHH

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